

HAZARDS & INCIDENTS

Hazard is an object or situation that has the potential to harm a person, the environment or cause damage to property.

Common workplace hazards



Types of Hazards

- **Physical hazards** slips, trips and falls, equipment maintenance, constant loud noise, radiation, UV rays, temperatures(hot and cold)
- **Biological hazards** bacteria, viruses, mold, insects/pests, blood & other body fluids
- **Chemical hazards** air-borne vapor, cleaning products, asbestos, dust
- **Ergonomic hazards** improper lifting technique, repetitive movements, improperly adjusted workstation.
- **Psychological hazards** bullying, harassment, stress-related, long hours, workplace demands

Incident Occurrence arising out of, or in the course of, work that could or does result in injury and ill health.

Immediate causes

- **Unsafe Acts** are failures in the way that people perceive their surroundings and how they interact with them. Unsafe acts are human errors that contribute to accidents such as:
 - walking under an overhead load
 - using defective equipment
 - not using proper Personal Protective Equipment
- **Unsafe Conditions** are failures, whether conscious or unconscious, in the safety system and are shown by compliance with approved standards dealing with physical conditions.
 - hazardous environment
 - Inadequate guard or barrier
 - Inadequate warning system
 - noise exposure.

In case of emergency, call **911** from landline and **0128080911** from a mobile phone.
Immediately report health & safety-related incidents/near miss.