



Unit 19 Are you safe and sound at work?

Task 05

Announcer: Listen to a health inspector talking about risk assessment.

Health inspector: A risk assessment is not about creating huge amounts of paperwork, but rather about taking sensible measures to control the risks in your workplace. I am going to tell you some simple ways to control slips and trips risks and prevent accidents in your workplace.

- Use entrance matting.
- Fix leaks from equipment (i.e. refrigerators).
- Make sure that your cleaning method is effective for the type of floor you have.
- Don't introduce more slip or trip risks while cleaning is being done.
- Leave smooth floors dry after cleaning or exclude pedestrians until the floor is dry.
- Remove spillages promptly.
- Have effective arrangements for both routine cleaning and dealing with spills.
- Use the appropriate detergent mixed at the correct concentration.
- Check for loose, damaged and worn flooring and replace as needed.
- Make sure lighting is sufficient and that slopes or steps are clearly visible.
- Keep walkways and work areas clear of obstructions.
- Where floors cannot be kept clean and dry, slip-resistant footwear can help prevent slip accidents.
- If footwear is supplied as personal protective equipment, it must be supplied free of charge to employees.

Few workplaces stay the same, so it makes sense to review what you are doing on an ongoing basis. Now, do you have any more questions?