

# HEALTH & SAFETY

# RETAIL BUSINESSES

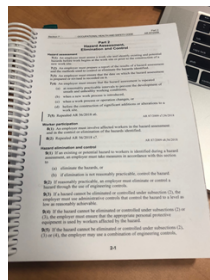
HAZARD ASSESSMENT - APPLICABLE TO ALL INDUSTRY



## Let's Talk Retail Hazards!

Yes, this means you: grocery, pets, flowers, clothing, fuel, AGLC...

- Standing for long hours.
- Exposure to various chemicals and materials, which may include paints, solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, perfumes, or cleaning products.
- Indoor air quality.
- Repetitive tasks or motions r working in awkward positions.
- Risk of back injury from pushing, pulling or lifting objects.
- Injuries from sharp objects, knives, scissors, box cutters, etc.
- Exposure to extreme temperatures.
- Slips, trips and falls.
- Risk of overhead materials falling.
- Working on ladders or other potentially unstable structures.
- Risk of violent attack.
- Working alone.
- Handling money.
- Bullying.
- Stress.
- Fire.
- Fatigue or other health effects of shift work or extended work days.
- Exposure to common viruses such as colds and seasonal influenza.



### Controls:

- Learn safe lifting procedures.
- Learn fire safety and emergency evacuation procedures, including how to assist customers when evacuating.
- Learn how to use equipment and tools safely.
- Avoid or take frequent breaks from awkward body positions.
- Wear appropriate footwear and other personal protective equipment when needed, such as eye and face protectors, gloves, respirator, or high visibility safety apparel.
- Keep all work areas clear of clutter and equipment.
- Establish good housekeeping practices.
- Learn safe handling and storage procedures before working with hazardous products.
- Know how to react in a negative or violent situation.
- Know how to stay safe if working alone. For example, have a mobile phone or other alternative means to contact a designated person when working alone.
- Do not exceed the capacity of the shelves when storing merchandise.
- Do not block fire-exits and fire-extinguishers.
- Keep a first-aid kit within easy access