

HEALTH & SAFETY CONCERNS



THE OBVIOUS

Some problems are more obvious than others:

- unguarded machines
- bad lighting
- obstructions
- fire risks
- poor welfare facilities
- wet floors
- heating and air conditioning
- trailing wires
- loose carpets and flooring



THE HIDDEN

Other concerns are hidden, such as long-term damage to health from:

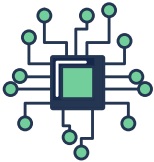
- exposure to noise
- dust, substances and chemicals
- bacteria or viruses
- passive smoking
- excessive vibration
- shift work & night work
- volume of work
- excessive work hours
- stress



NON-TRADITIONAL

Some may not be traditionally thought of as health & safety issues in the workplace:

- the design or organisation of work
- bullying
- sexual harassment or discrimination based on a protected characteristic
- staffing levels
- lone working
- home working
- the concentration of one type of demographic in a particular job role and facing particular hazards



THERE ARE MANY HEALTH & SAFETY CONCERNS IN THE WORKPLACE.
AS A REP, YOU CAN HELP ADDRESS THEM