

Vocabulary for Accidents/Injuries

Translate the following to your own language:

fracture _____

fractured leg/arm/skull _____

break _____

broken leg/arm/rib/ankle/wrist _____

sprain _____

pulled muscle _____

torn ligament _____

repetitive strain injury/RSI _____

back strain _____

whiplash _____

spinal injury _____

bruise _____

cut _____

graze _____

burn _____

scald _____

electric shock _____

swelling _____

blisters _____

rash _____

Actions which cause accident/injury.

Translate the following verbs.

fall _____

trip _____

stumble _____

collide _____

crash _____

slip _____

bump _____

hit _____

choke _____

strain _____

crush _____

burn _____

scald _____

cut _____

bruise _____

electrocute _____

Task 2

You are going to read extracts from the Health and Safety Authority website, www.hsa.ie, promoting safety standards at work. Health and Safety is important in all employment sectors but we are going to look at the construction industry in particular to examine some of the recommendations for health and safety of workers on building or construction sites.

Read the extracts and answer the questions.

Construction

Construction is a high risk, labour intensive industry. Safety is everybody's business; the onus is on designers, clients, construction companies and employees to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities in relation to health and safety. There are two main areas where building work takes place, the initial Ground Works phase and then the House Building phase.

Safe Pass

As identified in the Construction Regulations, all persons engaged in construction work must be in possession of a current Safe Pass card, and have successfully completed the one-day Safe Pass training. Safe Pass cards must be renewed as appropriate.

Induction

Every new contractor or new employee to a site must undergo an induction process when they first arrive on site. This induction should inform the attendees about site rules and procedures, and the arrangements for their safety and welfare on the site, and also who the key duty holders are.

WC & Washing

Toilets and a hand washing facility must be provided on all sites. The facility must include a sufficient supply of hot and cold running water, toilet tissue, soap and towels. The facility must be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition as well as being easily accessible.

Canteen

A facility must be provided for workers to take breaks. Minimum requirements include a facility for boiling water, tables with impermeable surfaces, and chairs with backs. It must be properly ventilated, adequately lighted, kept in a clean, hygienic orderly condition not used for the storage of building materials or plant.

Source: HSA Website

1. The construction industry is labour intensive. What does this mean?

2. Why is the construction industry considered high risk in relation to health and safety?

3. What is Safe Pass?

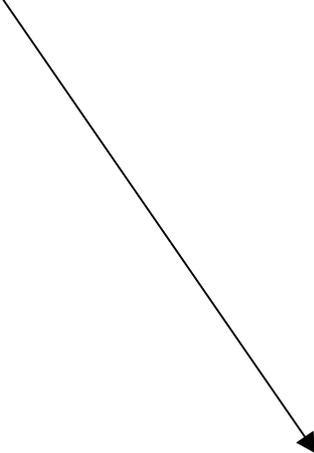
4. What are workers told at the induction process?

5. What facilities must be provided for construction workers on site?

Task 4

Match the Personal Protective Equipment below with the situations each one is used for.

Safety Helmet/Hard Hat	Protects you from inhaling harmful dust.
Safety Boots	Protects the eyes from flying objects dust & splashes.
Eye Protection	Protects a person from serious injury from falls or hitting the ground from a height.
Safety Gloves	Protects the face from flying objects, sparks, splashes, or hot substances.
Ear Protection	Protects the head from falling objects & from striking the head off objects.
Hi Visibility Vest	Protects hearing from loud, sudden or continuous noise.
Dust Mask	Protect the body from harmful substances.
Safety Overalls	Prevent the toes from being crushed & objects from penetrating the sole.
Face Protection	Increases visibility to drivers & operators of plant & site traffic.
Safety Harness	Protect the hands from cuts & from contact with harmful substances and sharp objects.



Task 5

Imagine you are in charge of a group of workers in a factory and you have to report an accident in your department. Fill out the report form below. (You can use any situation you like).

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Accident Report Form

Personal Details

Name of injured person: _____

Position in Company: _____

Department: _____

Address: _____

Sex: _____

No. of dependants: _____

Details of Accident:

Date of accident: _____

Location of accident: _____

Details of incident:

(describe here how accident happened)

Injuries sustained:

Person or persons witnessing the accident

Name of witness: _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____

Action Taken

Please tick boxes as appropriate:

yes **no**

Was first aid given?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did the injured person visit a doctor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did the injured person attend hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has the injured person returned to work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

General:

yes **no**

Does the work require use of protective clothing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was machinery involved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If machinery was involved was it properly guarded?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were warning notices displayed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature of injured person _____

Date _____

Signature of witness _____

Date _____