

Hazard Assessment – Communications

Hazards Identified	Health Hazards	Mitigation	PPE Required/Other Protective Measures
Hand sanitizers	Possible sensitivity, can dry out skin with frequent use, product is flammable	Place hand lotion nearby to combat skin dryness. Locate automatic dispensers away from ignition sources.	Use automatic dispensers to prevent over exposure.
Low Level Disinfectants	Most are eye, skin and respiratory irritants, particularly when concentrated. Some products may produce sensitization.	Substitution with less harmful product. Properly designed and maintained ventilation systems. Purchase products in ready to use concentrations to minimize handling. Safe work procedures.	If sensitivity is noticed, relocate until which time the product is no longer present.
Personal care products, scents and fragrances	May cause a variety of mild to severe symptoms. Allergic, asthmatics and sensitive employees may experience reactions	Employee education. Enforce policy regarding the excessive use of perfumes and colognes. Use low or no fragrance soaps in the bathroom soap dispensers at the sinks and in the showers.	Proper area ventilation. If sensitivity is noticed, relocate until which time the product is no longer present.
Dish soaps and coffee machine cleaner	Can cause irritation to skin in sensitive individuals. Can cause GI tract irritation if not properly rinsed from containers prior to use.	Substitute coffee machine cleaner and use regular dish detergent for washing.	Ensure proper cleaning and rinsing of containers and utensils.
Copier/printer toner	Toner dust can cause irritation to skin, eyes, and respiratory track.	Ensure only trained employees change toner in machines.	Proper area ventilation. If dust is noted, relocate until which time the product is no longer present.
Electrical hazards arising from use of electrical cords and appliances	This poses a risk of electric shock, falls, and fire.	Secure loose cords. Provide employee training. Ensure that drop cords and extension cords are unplugged after use. Ensure that power strips and wall outlets are not overloaded.	

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Ergonomic hazards	Repeated motion tasks such as	Ergonomically designed workstations,	Periodic reminders sent on
associated with	prolonged seating or using a	chairs, and equipment. Adjustment of	proper office ergonomics. Work
computer use or	computer can cause long-term	workstation to include computer screen	station assessments upon
workstation design	physical injuries and physical	brightness, adding ergonomic type	request. Periodic stretching. A
	stressors.	keyboards and wrist supports, and	break schedule that allows for
		providing fully adjustable chairs.	multiple small breaks throughout
		Employee education regarding ergonomic	the day.
		hazards and control strategies. Self-	
		assessment tools to assist employees in	
		identifying and controlling risk factors.	
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Ergonomic hazards associated with	When moving, lifting, carrying,	Ergonomically designed storage areas with adequate space. Ergonomically designed	Early reporting of signs and symptoms of ergonomic
material handling	pushing, pulling, etc. any object or materials there is a risk for	equipment and furniture with appropriate	concerns. Stretches and micro
of equipment and	potential personal injury. This	casters and handles. Provision of	breaks.
furniture.	includes muscle sprains and strains	appropriate materials handling equipment	breaks.
Turriture.	or orthopedic injuries.	such as carts. Employee education and	
	or or thopeare injuries.	awareness including proper lifting	
		procedures.	
Falling hazards	Slips, trips, and falls pose a risk of	Perform regular maintenance on flooring,	Use of proper footwear. Maintain
associated with	bodily harm to include muscular	stairwells, hallways, handrails, etc.	good housekeeping practices.
slips trips and falls	and orthopedic injuries.	Employee education. Adherence to spill	
		prevention program that includes prompt	
		spill cleanup, use of warning signs, etc.	
		Minimize clutter and tripping hazards.	
		Discourage the storage of materials in	
		hallways or near doors.	

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Cuts from sharp	Sharp instruments pose the risk of	Proper storage of sharps.	Promote the purchase and use of
instruments	cuts and scrapes as well as blood	Employee education. Safe work	instruments that have
including scissors,	borne pathogen exposure to other	procedures to include keeping all sharps	safeguards. Report all sharps
paper cutter,	employees.	properly contained in the simulator area	injuries as outlined in the OJI
needle sharps in		and restricting non-essential employees	process.
the simulator		from access. Ensure proper safety guards	
		on the paper cutter and that it is good	
		working order.	
Blood Borne	Potential for infectious disease	Proper disposal of sharps. Adherence to	Universal Precautions.
Pathogens	spread which can affect many	the Exposure Control Plan. Employee	Enforcement of PPE use policies.
	different body systems depending	education in proper use of PPE around	Good housekeeping practices.
	on the type of disease contracted.	exposed blood, in proper blood and bodily	
		fluid clean up.	
Verbal abuse by	Can promote stress that can limit	Employee education in violence	Awareness training, use of EAP
customers or	productivity and promote	awareness, avoidance, and de-escalation	resources, and reporting of
members of the	attendance problems.	procedures. Liaison and response	incidents.
public		protocols with local police.	
Abuse by co-	This can promote fear and stress in	Alarm systems and panic buttons. Video	Awareness training, use of EAP
employees	the employee that can limit	surveillance. No tolerance policies with	resources, and reporting of
	productivity and promote	enforcement. Employee education in	incidents.
	attendance problems.	violence awareness, avoidance, and de-	
		escalation procedures.	

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this Risk Assessment. By signing, I agree to adhere to the requirements set forth in this document for the use of Personal Protective Equipment/Other Protective Measures.

Name	Date

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