

Activity: What are the safety and health hazards for temporary workers in this workplace?

A **hazard map** is a drawing of a workplace or part of a workplace labeled with the actual/potential hazards and unhealthy conditions that could cause injuries/illnesses for workers.

Instructions: On the paper provided, draw a basic floor plan of where temporary workers work, with corridors/hallways, entrances/exits, storage areas, production areas, restrooms, offices, etc.

- 1. Using **GREEN** dots or marker, mark each area that could have a **SAFETY** hazard: electrical hazards, blocked aisles/corridors, slippery floors, fire safety hazards, etc.
- 2. Using **RED** dots or marker, mark **HEALTH** hazards: noise, chemicals, bloodborne pathogens, other potentially infectious material, temperature extremes (too hot, too cold), etc.
- 3. Using **BLUE** dots or marker, mark **ERGONOMIC** hazards such as: awkward positions, heavy lifting/difficult moving, repetitive motion, shoulder/arm injuries, back injuries, carpal tunnel (wrist injury), etc.

Be prepared to present your map to the group.

As a group, discuss:

- 1. What are the main safety and health hazards for temporary workers in this workplace?
- 2. What do we assume temporary workers will know about these hazards?
- 3. What has been communicated to temporary workers about these hazards?
- 4. Whose responsibility is it to communicate to temporary workers about these hazards?
- 5. What do we need to do to better communicate about these hazards?

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