

i-Hospitality

Health & Safety

Review Questions – Answers

Section – Health and Safety in the Workplace

Name three hazards often found in the workplace

Poor housekeeping, trailing wires, poor lighting, and inappropriate lighting, inappropriate PPE, blocked escape routes

Why is it important to comply with Health & Safety legislation?

Law, to prevent accidents, to maintain a safe and secure working environment

What does 'reasonably practicable' mean?

To carry out a thorough assessment of all hazards and put sufficient controls in place to reduce the hazard to a safe level.

Section – Legislation

Who is responsible for enforcing Health and Safety in your workplace?

Health & Safety Executive, Local Authority (Environmental Health Officer)

What is an improvement notice?

This can be issued if work practices or equipment are deemed unsafe, the notice will outline a timescale for any issues to be addressed.

What is a prohibition notice?

This is issued when there is an immediate danger to safety and the work premises (or part of) will be closed until an appeal has been held.

What is the maximum fine a magistrates court can impose?

£20,000 (6 months prison sentence)

Section - Workplace Accidents

What is the most common cause of workplace accidents?

Slips, trips and falls and/or back injuries

What can you do to minimise accidents?

Follow all health and safety procedures and carry out all job tasks in a safe and healthy manner.

Section – Hazard Control Measures

What is a permit to work?

These are normally issued when a job task has particular risks, the permit will details all risks and safety measures in place, it will usually require a signature.

What is a risk assessment?

This process enables the user to identify particular hazards and implement controls to minimise the likelihood of an accident occurring.

What should the CO2 fire extinguishers be used for?

Flammable liquids and electrical fires

Explain the correct manual handling process?

Assess the load, stand shoulder width apart, bend your knees and lift the item using your legs (not back) and keep close to your body.

Section – Accidents & Consequences

Why is good health and safety important?

A number of reasons; reduce accidents, sick days, good reputation, increased turnover, good morale, legal responsibilities.

Section – Best Practice

When is it a legal requirement to formally record your health and safety policy?

If you employ 5 or more employees however it always good practice to have one in place regardless of the number people employed

Name three details that should be recorded in an accident book

Name, address, date of incident, description of incident, name and details of person reporting, location

What does a blue safety sign mean?

Mandatory i.e. you must wear ear defenders

Name one accident that is reportable under RIDDOR?

Death, loss of limb, 3 day or over, electrocution

