

Resource 2: Workplace Safety and Health Hazard Identification Checklist

This list can be used to help in the selection of workplace safety and health hazards that an occupational group might face while on the job. This is not a comprehensive list but gives some of the more common hazards faced by workers in the workplace. Potential hazard types are listed in brackets.

Do workers in this group ever:

<input type="checkbox"/>	work alone or in small numbers (working alone, violence)
<input type="checkbox"/>	work offsite – in the community or in clients’ homes (working alone, violence)
<input type="checkbox"/>	work with the public (violence)
<input type="checkbox"/>	handle money or prescription drugs (violence, chemical)
<input type="checkbox"/>	exposed to biological or chemical hazards (chemical and biological)
<input type="checkbox"/>	carry out inspection or enforcement duties (violence, safety)
<input type="checkbox"/>	provide services, care, advice or education (violence, biological, chemical)
<input type="checkbox"/>	work with unstable or volatile persons (violence)
<input type="checkbox"/>	work late hours of the night or early hours of the morning (working alone, violence)
<input type="checkbox"/>	work on weekends (working alone, violence)
<input type="checkbox"/>	work long shifts (results in stress which has been identified as a risk factor for being a victim of violence) (stress, violence)
<input type="checkbox"/>	work in high crime areas or near to buildings or businesses that are at risk of violent crimes such as social service agencies or banks (violence)
<input type="checkbox"/>	work in isolated locations (violence, working alone or in isolation; inclement weather)
<input type="checkbox"/>	work for extended periods on computers (ergonomic)
<input type="checkbox"/>	need to handle patients such as lifting, moving, turning (ergonomic, violence)
<input type="checkbox"/>	work with machines, tools, or powered mobile equipment (safety, working with equipment)
<input type="checkbox"/>	drive a vehicle for work-related tasks (safety, inclement weather)