

HUNT FOR HAZARDS

WORKPLACE INSPECTIONS HELP PREVENT INJURIES AND ILLNESSES

Workplace inspections identify health and safety hazards. The identification of workplace hazards is an essential part of the health and safety program at Memorial.

hazard	examples
chemical	solid, liquid, gas, dust, mist, fume
ergonomic	awkward postures, repetitive and forceful movements
physical	noise, radiation, heat, cold, light
biological	viruses, bacteria, fungi, parasites
safety	unsafe equipment, conditions, work procedures, facilities

During a workplace inspection:

- Listen to the concerns of workers and supervisors.
- Ask about tasks that are carried out and planned.
- Take photographs and record notes as you go.
- Look at all areas and be thorough.
- Search for the root cause of each hazard.
- Discuss possible control measures.
- Address critical hazards immediately.

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