Examples of Common Hazards Faced by Young Workers

MINING
• Use of dangerous equipment, machinery and tools
• Working in hot and humid environments
• Lifting and carrying heavy and/or awkward loads
• Exposure to loud noise
• Use of vibrating hand-held tools (e.g. pneumatic rock drills and pick-hammers)
• Exposure to collapse or fall of rock
• Working with explosives
• Working in remote areas (isolation, lack of social support)

MANUFACTURING
• Use of dangerous equipment, machinery and tools (e.g. sharp objects)
• Use of cleaning agents, natural rubber latex, reactive chemicals
• Working with electricity
• Exposure to loud noise
• Working in hot and humid environments (e.g. iron, steel, glass and rubber manufacturing)
• Slippery surfaces and untidy floors
• Repetitive tasks (production in line work) and intense pace of work
• Awkward working posture (sitting or standing too long/whole day)

TRANSPORT
• Being struck by vehicles
• Regular exposure to shocks, low frequency whole-body vibration
• Heavy lifting (loading and unloading of vehicles)
• Repetitive movements
• Exposure to noise
• Exposure to dangerous substances
• Long working hours

AGRICULTURE
• Use of dangerous equipment, machinery and tools (e.g. tractors, ladder, sharp objects, etc.)
• Use of agrochemicals (e.g. pesticides, fertilisers, etc.)
• Working outdoors (exposure to UV radiations, hot, cold or humid environments)
• Working with animals (exposure to bacteria, viruses and parasites)
• Handling waste and contaminated materials (exposure to viruses, endotoxins, etc.)
• Lifting and carrying heavy and/or unstable loads
• Steep, wet, slippery terrain
• Exposure to loud noise
• Long working days
• Lack of water and sanitation

CONSTRUCTION
• Working at height
• Working with electricity
• Use of vibrating hand-held tools (e.g. pneumatic jackhammers, drills, gas-powered chain saws, grinders, etc.)
• Working below ground or near excavations
• Exposure to chemicals, asbestos, silica, isocyanates, lead
• Lifting and carrying heavy and/or unstable loads
• Repeated movements, uncomfortable positions
• Slippery surfaces and untidy floors
• Working outdoors
• Exposure to loud noise

RETAIL
• Monotonous repetitive work
• Use of cleaning solutions and disinfectants
• Contact with customers (exposure to violence and harassment)
• Use of dangerous equipment (e.g. box crushers, meat slicers, etc.)
• Moving and storing goods (e.g. objects falling, unsafe ladders, etc.)
• Moving vehicles in delivery areas
• Unsocial working time

DOMESTIC WORK
• Long working hours
• Work in isolation (exposure to violence, harassment and abuse)
• Excessive work demands
• Lifting and carrying heavy loads
• Use of household chemicals
• Physically strenuous work
• Poor ergonomic conditions
• Working with dangerous equipment and tools (e.g. electric appliances, sharp knives, fires and hot stoves)

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
• Handling food (exposure to viruses such as Salmonella, Rotavirus, E. coli, Hepatitis A)
• Handling waste and contaminated materials
• Exposure to loud noise (pubs, discotheques or concert venues)
• Working in hot and humid environments
• Slippery surfaces and untidy floors
• Use of cleaning solutions and disinfectants
• Contact with people (exposure to violence and harassment)

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
• Contact with people (exposure to parasites, bacteria and viruses; violence and harassment)
• Contact with blood and other bodily fluids (exposure to blood-borne pathogens such as HIV and hepatitis, needle stick injuries)
• Handling waste and contaminated materials
• Lifting and carrying heavy and/or unstable loads/patients
• Slippery surfaces and untidy floors
• Use of cleaning solutions, disinfectants and other chemicals

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