

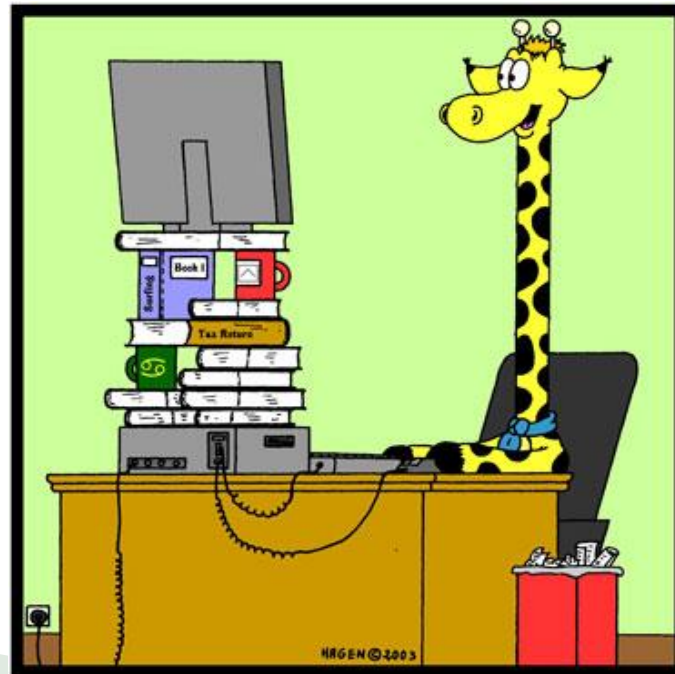


Employee Training Manual

Ergonomics and You

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- ▶ Ergonomics is the science concerned with designing and arranging things that people use so that people will interact with the environment most effectively and safely.
- ▶ Ergonomics means arranging the environment to fit the person.

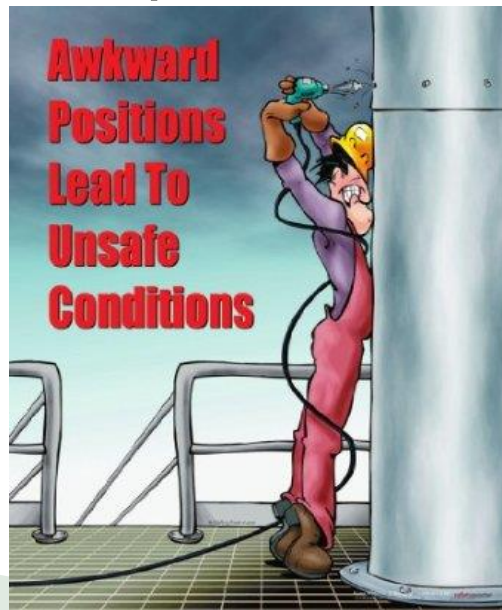


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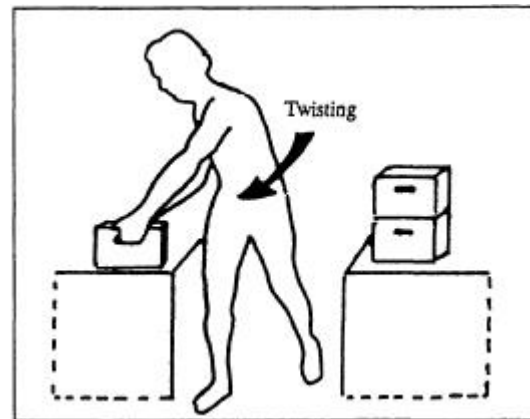
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- ▶ On the worksite, ergonomic principles are being used to help adapt the job to the person rather than force the person to fit the job.
- ▶ Redesigning the job to fit the worker can reduce stress and eliminate many potential injuries and disorder associated with the overuse of muscles, bad posture and repetitive motions.



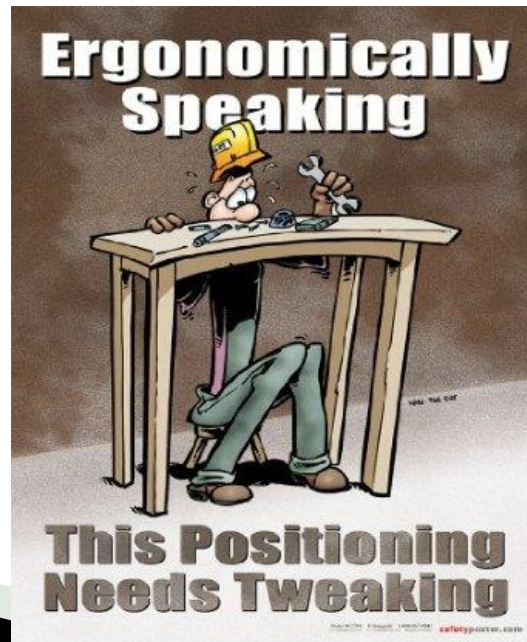
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- ▶ As a worker, your hands, wrists, arms, shoulders, backs and legs may be subjected to thousands of repetitive twisting, forceful or flexing motions during a typical workday. Many jobs can expose you to vibrations and noise, eye strain, repetitive motion and heavy lifting.



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- ▶ If machines, tools and workflow are poorly designed, they can place undue stress on tendons, muscles and nerves. In addition, temperature extremes may aggravate or increase ergonomic stress.
- ▶ Your ability to recognize ergonomic problems on the job site is the essential first step in correcting these problems and improving worker safety and health.



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- ▶ The three most important issues related to ergonomics for workers and ways to control them are:
 - A. Back safety and lifting:
 - 1. Practice proper lifting techniques.
 - 2. Get help with large loads.
 - 3. Use material handling equipment.



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- B. Equipment and tool vibration:
 - 1. Use only the force necessary to perform the job.
 - 2. Hold and use tools properly.
 - 3. Rotate tasks and take break from tasks during the work day to avoid vibration for too long a duration.



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- C. Repetitive motions:
 - 1. Perform tasks following proper job procedures at all times.
 - 2. Select the right tool for the job.
 - 3. Rotate the tasks you perform during the work day to avoid a single type of repetitive motion for too long a duration.

