

Unit 4: Making Restaurant Jobs Safer

ProSafety Curriculum
for the Culinary Arts

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Controlling Hazards: *Key Points*

- First Choice: Remove the hazard
 - Use safer chemicals
 - Put guards around hot surfaces
- Next Choice: Improve work policies and procedures
 - Give workers safety training
 - Assign enough people to do the job safely
- Last Choice: Use protective clothing and equipment
 - Wear gloves
 - Use a respirator

Jamie's Story



Age: 17

Job: Dishwasher

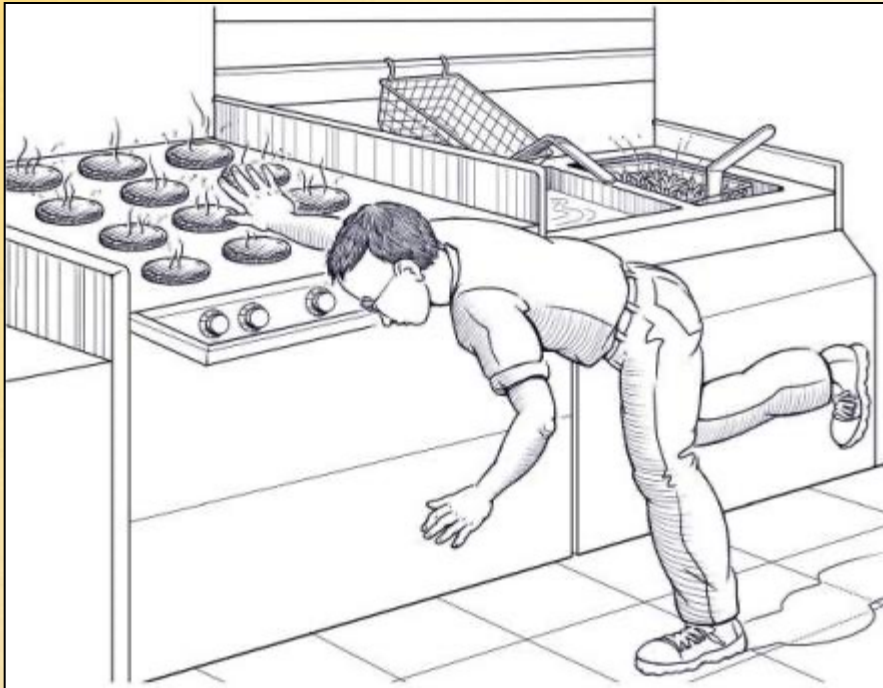
Injury: Dishwashing chemical splashed in eye

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented Jamie from getting hurt?

Note: This was a real incident reported by the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health

Billy's Story



Age: 16

Job: Fast food worker

Injury: Slipped on greasy floor

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented Billy from getting hurt?

Note: This was a real incident reported by the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health

Terry's Story



Age: 16

Job: Deli clerk

Injury: Cut finger on meat slicer

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented Terry from getting hurt?

Note: This was a real incident reported by the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health

James' s Story



Age: 16

Job: Pizza shop employee

Injury: Repetitive motion injury

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented James from getting hurt?

Note: This was a real incident reported by the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health

Stephen's Story



Age: 17

Job: Restaurant worker

Injury: Hurt back while loading boxes

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented Stephen from getting hurt?

Note: This was a real incident reported by the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health

Making the Job Safer: *Key Points*

- Dept of Labor & Industries (L&I) requires all employers to provide a safe workplace.
- It's best to get rid of a hazard completely, if possible.
- If your employer can't get rid of the hazard, there are usually many ways to protect you from it.