

Unit 4: Making the Job Safer

Health and Safety Awareness
For Working Teens

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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: Hospital
Dishwasher

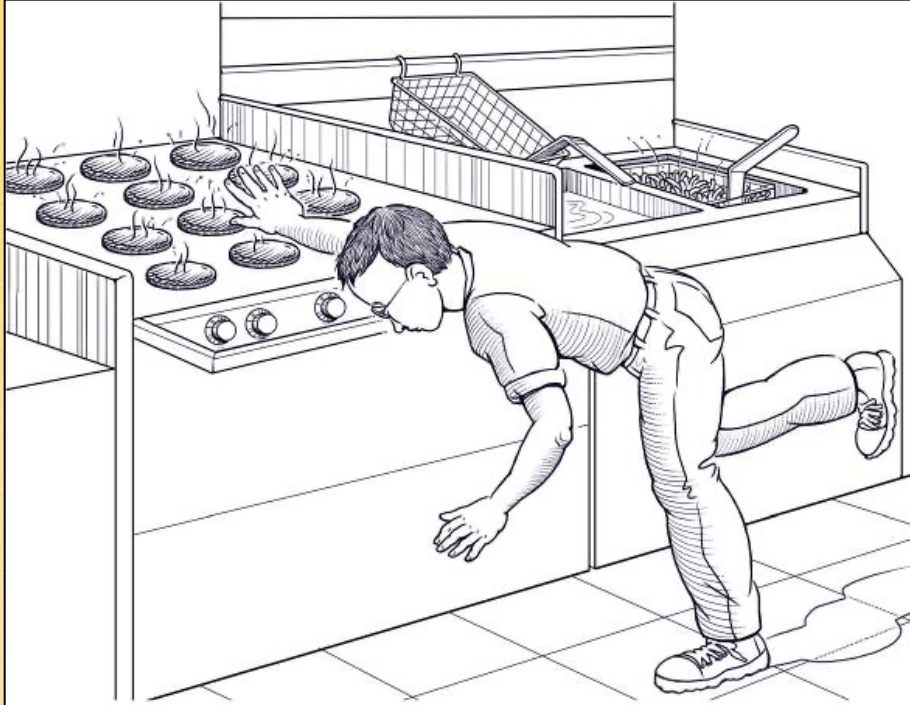
Injury: Dishwashing
chemical splashed
in eye

Why do you think this
happened?

What could have prevented
John 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: Burned hand on grill

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented John 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 John from getting hurt?

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Terry's Story



Age: 16

Job: Deli Clerk

Injury: Cut finger on meat slicer

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented John from getting hurt?

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Chris' Story



Age: 15

Job: City Public Works Employee

Injury: Fainted due to heat

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented John from getting hurt?

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James' s Story



Age: 16

Job: Pizza Shop
Employee

Injury: Repetitive motion
injury

Why do you think this
happened?

What could have prevented
John from getting hurt?

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Sara's Story



Age: 17

Job: Nursing Aid

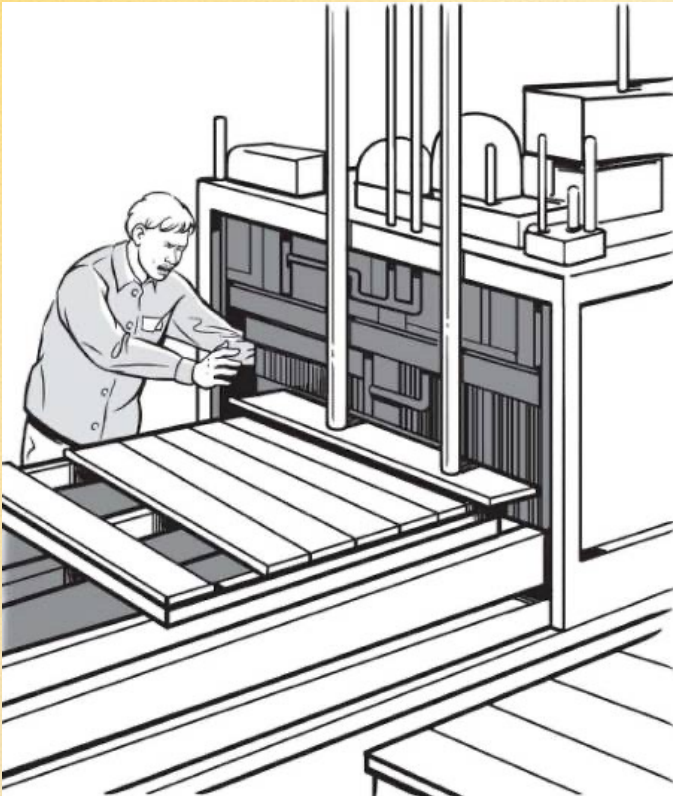
Injury: Back, neck, and
shoulder pain

Why do you think this
happened?

What could have prevented
John from getting hurt?

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Brent's Story



Age: 17

Job: Pallet Maker

Injury: Amputated Arm

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented John from getting hurt?

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Maria's Story



Age: 16

Job: Farmworker

Injury: Pesticide Poisoning

Why do you think this happened?

What could have prevented John from getting hurt?

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