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Hello Retro Members,

May is National Electrical Safety Month, sponsored by ESFI.org, an organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school, and workplace. Their annual campaign educates people about the steps they can take to reduce the number of electrically related fires, fatalities, injuries, and property loss. The information can be accessed on the [ESFI.org website](https://www.esfi.org).



Late Night Working Safety - Employees who work alone or in isolation face an increased risk of confrontations or even violence, especially if they are on shift during late-night hours. For example, a lone retail worker may be more vulnerable when dealing with angry, difficult, or abusive customers. Even if an incident doesn't lead to a physical confrontation, it can still be stressful or emotionally traumatic for the worker. And if a lone worker is injured or an emergency occurs, how does the worker get help?



The [RS Safety Library](#) has a section on [Working Late](#) and [Violence](#) to help you on this topic. Here is the [L&I Rule](#) for reference.

Global Harmonized System (GHS)/Safety Data Sheet (SDS) - Workers who use chemicals as part of their regular work functions, janitorial, paint stores, and automotive service shops should be trained to understand these changes.

L&I requires employee training in three main areas; Safety Data Sheet and how to access them, knowing what the Pictograms mean, and interpreting the information on the product Label.



The [RS Safety Library](#) and [RS SafetyTV](#) have more information on this topic. **SAFEME** also has a lesson on this subject [available here](#).

This was L&I's third most cited item in 2021. If you have additional questions or need help on this topic, please contact us.



Struck by Object. This term is often used in accident reports and can describe many types of accidents. Most often, the person was not wearing proper personal protective gear like gloves or eyewear. In some instances, it is not using powered equipment properly and doesn't realize the level of *stored energy* that has built-up while using a tool or machine. Other times the injury happens from not properly using the machine guarding.

With proper equipment training and appropriate PPE, these accidents can be significantly reduced and make it possible for employees to walk away with the full use of an eye, hand, or limb. If you see a person not performing the job correctly, stop them and re-train or remind them about the PPE needed. Do not accept "I forgot."

Remember that management also sets the example and must have their PPE on when in an area that requires it. **SAFEME** has a [quick lesson](#) to use at your next safety meeting.

WR's team wants all employees to take the time and be safe!

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