

Find the Hazards #1—Fast Food Restaurant

Hidden Hazards

Pictured Hazards	Non Pictured Hazards
Hot grill or oven	Stress
Steam	Electrical Hazards
Fire	Harassment/sexual harassment
Hot food or liquids	Biological hazards (viruses, bacteria, mould)
Hot greases	Potential for theft
Knives	
Heavy lifting	
Slippery floor	
Cleaning chemicals	
Pressure to work fast	
Noise	
Repetitive movements	
Angry customer (potential abuse, violence)	

Overview of Hazards, Potential Effect With Possible Solutions

Hazard	Potential Effect	Possible Solution
	Safety	
Cooking equipment	Burns or electric shocks	*Keep appliances in safe condition *Have guards around hot surfaces *Wear gloves or mitts to protect against burns
Hot grease	Burns	*Use grease pans that dump automatically *Use splash guards *Wear protective clothing
Slices and powered cutting equipment	Cuts	*Keep guards in place *Get proper training *Turn off and unplug to clean
Wet/Slippery floors	Slips and falls	*Clean up spills quickly *Use floor mats *Wear shoes with non-slip soles
Broken glass	Cuts	*Clean up broken glass carefully *Wear gloves *Handle garbage carefully that might contain broken glass
	Chemicals	
Dishwashing products	Contact with skin could cause irritation, rashes, chemical burns	*Use safer products *Wear the right gloves to protect you.
Cleaning products	Some vapours cause headaches, dizziness, and other health problems; Contact with skin could cause irritation, rashes, chemical burns	*Use safer products *Wear the right gloves to protect you * Have good ventilation
	Other	
Standing for long periods	Back strain/injury	*Use floor mats *Take regular breaks *Rotate jobs
Bending reaching, stretching and lifting	Muscle strains and sprains	*Keep heavy items on lower shelves *Rotate jobs Use helpers
Violence, harassment, bullying, discrimination (from customers, co-workers)	Stress, emotion/physical trauma	*Have enough security *Schedule at least 2 people per shift Use barriers, where money is handled *Get customer service training *Rotate jobs *Keep a diary to describe harassment *Report harassment to employer to employer or trusted adult