

## How do I identify a Hazard?

At Flyers, we promote a **Safety Mindset**...but what does that mean? It means we are always thinking about safety – identifying hazards before they cause injury, illness or damage.

*So, what do you look for?*

- **Physical hazards –**
  - General housekeeping – loose objects, water, trash, scrap material
  - Slip, trip & fall hazards – **anything** in a walkway/open area
  - Electrical hazards – exposed power, frayed cords, burning smell, unlocked breakers, running equipment unattended
  - Equipment operation & maintenance – unkept, damaged, jerry-rigged, defective, under-maintained
  - Fire protection – obstructed exits, non-operational fire extinguisher, lack of emergency procedures
  - Excessive noise for a prolonged period of time
  - Elevated heat – heat wave, lack of ventilation
  - Ergonomic problems –repetitive lifting over shoulder height, repetitive heavy lifting, frequent crouching/stooping, prolonged significant vibration, any single prolonged repetitive motion.
- **Chemical hazards –**
  - Chemicals in the work area with:
    - low exposure limits
    - high volatility
    - large quantities
    - unventilated spaces
    - activities that may result in skin exposure to chemicals
    - lack of PPE / First aid for chemical handling
- **Emergency Hazards –**
  - Fires and explosions
  - Chemical releases
  - Hazardous material spills
  - Startups after planned or unplanned equipment shutdowns
  - Nonroutine tasks, such as infrequently performed maintenance activities
  - Structural collapse
  - Disease outbreaks
  - Weather emergencies and natural disasters
  - Medical emergencies
  - Workplace violence