

D Vocabulary

Key Vocabulary

Read the paragraph about safety and check your understanding of the meaning of the words in bold.

In order to prevent **injuries** and **fatalities** at work, employers are required by law to provide a safe work environment. Government agencies set **guidelines** that regulate the number of **fire extinguishers**, **fire doors**, **fire escapes**, and **emergency exits** that must be available in a workplace. Workplaces should also **comply with** rules about the number of **first aid kits**, the use of **hard hats**, **safety goggles**, **ear plugs**, and other safety equipment and the quality of the **ventilation system**. If there are **flammable** or **hazardous materials** in the building, they should be in suitable containers. Management should inform their employees about the **safety risks** of **slippery floors** or **dangerous gases**.

1 Match the words in column A with a word in column B to make a compound noun.

Column A	Column B
1 fire	a aid
2 hard	b extinguisher
3 first	c goggles
4 safety	d exit
5 hazardous	e system
6 ventilation	f material
7 emergency	g hat

2 Match one of the compound nouns from 1 with its meaning.

- fire extinguisher a piece of equipment used to put out flames
- _____ an escape route from a building
- _____ items that are dangerous
- _____ a way to bring fresh air into an area
- _____ protective head cover
- _____ immediate care for an injury or sudden illness
- _____ protective glasses

3 Underline the correct word form.

- Even clean, brightly-lit offices contain hazards/hazardous that can lead to injury.
- Small objects can't damage your eyes if you wear safely / safety goggles when working with certain tools.
- A variety of materials can cause fires, so it is important to use the right kind of fire extinguisher / extinguishes.
- There is no air conditioning in these offices. We keep the windows open for good ventilate/ventilation.
- You should be careful when you use flammable/inflamed materials.
- You must compliance / comply with the safety regulations on our premises.
- The floors at the main entrance are wet. Be careful you don't slippery/slip and injure yourself.

4 Cross out the word that does not belong in each list.

- ~~avoid~~ cut injure slip
- danger emergency hazard fire escape
- blue jeans hard hat safety goggles protective clothing
- fire smoke dangerous gases ventilators

5 Underline the correct word or phrase.

- An exit route should have fire doors / extinguisher to prevent the rapid spread of fires.
- It is important that we are aware of the safety work/risks in our offices and know what to do in an emergency.
- It is noisy in the factory so we have to wear safety goggles/ear plugs.
- This area is a designated hard hat/smoking area because there is a danger from falling objects.
- All work areas should have a fire extinguisher/first aid kit available in case of injury.
- The ambulance rushed several workers to the hospital after the explosion, but fortunately there were no injuries /fatalities.
- The manager handed out booklets on health and safety gases / guidelines.