

HEALTH AND SAFETY AUTHORITY

Simple Safety Series



Food and drink sector – Falling Objects



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- 2 Don't store heavy items above shoulder height.
- 3 Inspect the storage area regularly.
- 4 Report damaged shelving.
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Simple Safety Sheet







Ensure that sheet is relevant
Points are listed by priority
go through points in order
Confirm employees understand
Ensure each sheet is signed off
Sheets can be used as posters







To support Simple Safety sheets

To outline falling objects in Food and

To provide more information

Drink sector



1 Don't overload shelving

Ensure shelving can support the weight you put on it

If in doubt, ask a manager

Consider marking shelving with it's maximum weight

Overloaded shelving/storage more common in private rather than in the public area

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2 Don't store heavy items above shoulder height

They're dangerous if they fall They're more difficult to move some examples of the storage of heavy items at a height: heavy salad buckets in cold room, heavy mineral crates stored on the top shelving, heavy saucepans above sink





Make sure shelves are stable

Ensure shelves are properly supported

Check no overloading

Ensure items stored in proper areas

Ensure regular formal inspections



4 Report damaged shelving



Do not presume someone else will report damaged shelving

Physically show manager the damaged area

Damaged shelving must be repaired

Don't use damaged shelving until repaired/ replaced HEALTH AND

5 Store awkward items e.g. lids safely

Do not stack lids on top of saucepans on high shelving

Always store knives safely

Provide separate storage areas for awkward items

Label these areas properly

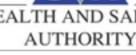
Ensure they can hold items safely





Never store unsealed liquid at height

Label unstable loads if needed







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Steel toe shoes where needed Hard hats may be required less often

This is the last line of defence – ONLY to be used if other options cannot protect fully

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This is the end of the training

Put the simple steps into use



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Keep records here





Remember: if it doesn't seem safe it probably isn't







Food & Drink - Manual Handling

Food & Drink - Slips, Trips & Falls

Food & Drink - Cuts

Food & Drink - Burns & Scalds

Food & Drink - Falling Objects



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