June 2025 Safety Calendar: Musculoskeletal disorders



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Sunday 1 Lifting heavy items (pushing/pulling/gripping)	Monday 2 Awkward postures	Tuesday 3 Contact stress (kneeling on floor)	Wednesday 4 Excessive repetition	Thursday 5 Years of service	Friday 6 Inadequate safety job task training	Saturday 7 Excessive force
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Week 1

Work-related risk factors

- Lifting heavy items (pushing/pulling/gripping)
- 2. Awkward postures
- 3. Contact stress (kneeling on floor)
- 4. Excessive repetition
- 5. Years of service
- 6. Inadequate safety job task training
- 7. Excessive force

Week 2

Identify and address high risk job tasks that can cause MSD's

- 1. Pushing carts
- 2. Carrying luggage
- 3. Stripping beds
- 4. Cleaning bathrooms
- 5. Carrying trays
- 6. Reaching to clean shower wall
- 7. Using power tools

Week 3

Methods to reduce job task MSD's

- 1. Ergonomic focused observations of high-risk tasks
- 2. Feedback from frontline employees
- 3. Act on employee feedback
- 4. Development and implementation of job task best practices
- 5. Enforcing compliance with best practices
- 6. Collaborate on improvements
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Week 4

Awkward postures to avoid

- 1. Twisting and turning
- 2. Kneeling and crawling
- 3. Running, skipping or hopping
- 4. Bending
- 5. Hunching shoulders
- 6. Reaching overhead or reaching behind the body
- 7. Deviated wrist positions

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