

Nail Salon Skit

Preparation:

Create two powerpoint slides,(see toolbox) one for the employee break room with a Material Safety Data Sheets (write them in gibberish with only a few words legible; cancer, reproductive, toxin, asthma, skin irritant) and another with a Prop 65 warning. Hang various sheets of paper on the (breakroom) wall full of information.

Parts: Woman, Customer, Her Thoughts, Co-Worker, Operator, Community Health Worker

Scene: A woman is working on someone's nails and she notices a sign posted above her table. (powerpoint). As she is working on someone's nails we hear her thinking about that sign:

"I look at that sign everyday, but what does it mean? It says something about chemicals and they may harm me...mmm. I wonder how I can find more about that?"

She says out loud to her customer:

"Ok, you are all set. Thanks, have a good day." Customer walks out. She thinks "Whew, now it's time for my break..."

The woman starts chatting and drinking coffee with another in the break room. The co-worker leaves and the woman starts to read the sheets posted on the wall. We can't see what she is reading but then the powerpoint slide is shown illustrating the MSDS and the words highlighted that are negative effects.

We hear someone narrating her thoughts:

"I always wondered what these sheets were...I bet they have something to do with that other sign out front. I wish I could read English a little better I only understand some of these words, oh...cancer...oh.... asthma... oh.... toxin....irritant –these don't sound too good..."

She sees a phone number posted next to the signs asking if people have questions to call. She writes the number down and calls it after work.

Her conversation:

Operator: Hello, Community Health, may I help you?

Woman: Hello yes, do you have someone there who speaks Vietnamese?

Operator: We do, hold please.

Community Health Worker (CHW): Hello, how may I help you?

Woman: Hi, I work at a nail salon and I noticed that there were some signs posted around where I work, on the wall and in the break room. I was wondering why they are there.

CHW: Well, I am guessing you are talking about the MSDS which are the Material Safety Data Sheets. In a workplace, employers are required by law to post those data sheets that explain what a substance is that you are working with, and how it could potentially be harmful to you.

Woman: Oh, now that is a little scary. I started working there because my sister got me that job. I did start getting head aches every now and again but I thought it was from stress. I wonder if it is from some of the chemicals I have been working with...

CHW: That could be, many chemicals that people work with in Nail Salons are very toxic - they can cause occupational asthma, are known carcinogens (cause cancer), and may lead to birth defects. Some chemicals can pass through the placenta to the unborn baby and be found in a nursing mother's milk.

Woman: Wow, that is so scary. Thanks so much for your information.

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What should this woman do??