

Accidents and injuries happen every day at Yale. At Environmental Health and Safety, we work hard to learn from each one to prevent them from happening again.

Why? Because we care about the health and safety of each and every member of the Yale Community.



Machine Guarding and Interlocks

- Do not tamper with, remove, bypass or disable machine guarding or safety interlocks while operating equipment under normal conditions.



Safe Lifting

- Utilize safe lifting devices or team-lifts for heavy or awkward items.
- Keep heavier items on shelving between thigh and shoulder height in storage areas.



Housekeeping

- Ensure floors are kept free of slip and trip hazards at all times.
- Keep emergency exit routes and doorways clear of any materials.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Slip-resistant shoes must be worn at all times by Yale Hospitality employees.
- Task-specific PPE must be used, i.e., a cut-resistant glove is required on the non-dominant hand when handling knives.



Powered Industrial Trucks (fork trucks/powered pallet jacks)

- Only employees who have received powered industrial truck (PIT) training are authorized to operate this equipment.
- Do not pass underneath suspended loads.



Reporting

- Workplace injuries and near-miss incidents must be reported to supervisors. A near-miss incident is an accident that almost happened.
- Environmental Health and Safety should be notified to address the potential hazard.

Questions or concerns? Contact your Safety Advisor at 203-785-3550.