Unionised workplaces are safer workplaces

It’s no secret – workplaces where there are active trade union safety reps are twice as safe as those without.

In workplaces where staff are not valued, they are more likely to get injured, become ill, get disabled, have their working lives cut short, or sometimes die. Low pay, long or irregular hours, and poor health and safety all have a massive impact.

That is why International Workers’ Memorial Day on 28 April is a time to remind ourselves of the importance of health and safety and trade unions, as we remember the dead and continue to fight for the living.

UNISON makes a real difference

Our campaigning for better conditions and your safety reps’ hard work make your work safer and healthier. Together we challenge bad employers and work with good ones.

UNISON safety reps have:

• risk assessed stress, forcing their employers to act against this hazard;
• identified gas poisoning before someone was seriously or fatally harmed;
• got their employers to tackle the causes of aches, pains, and strains at work;
• ensured their employers dealt properly with asbestos; and
• tackled extreme temperatures at work, whether too hot or too cold.
UNISON supporting you

We support your safety reps with advice and guidance. We also have a new and expanding range of pamphlets just for you.

Is your employer trying to blame you or your colleagues for its own failings? Our pamphlets on resilience and wellbeing, behavioural safety and assessing risks will help. There are also pamphlets on aches, pains and strains; hazardous substances; slips, trips and falls; and more. All available from unison.org.uk/catalogue

Got an issue you want to raise, or want to get more involved in improving health and safety where you work? Speak to your local safety rep.

Not a member? Join online today at joinunison.org, call us free on 0800 0 857 857, or speak to your local rep.

Find out more about International Workers’ Memorial Day at:

unison.org.uk/events

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