

Workplace hazards in butchery premises: Case of Fayoum

Abstract

Butchers and meat cutters work in grocery stores are considered as a highly risk and physically demanding premises and occupation. Butchers encounter hazards every day in the workplace, such hazards, including the risk of injury or disease that can cause physical or psychological harm. The work can be and may include the use of dangerous tools and equipment, required heavy or repetitive lifting, long hours in a standing position, exposure to repetitive motions, and cold temperatures. The purpose of this study is to identify the workplace hazards and utilization of safety measures in butcher shops in Fayoum.

The researchers used descriptive analytical Approach, to achieve the study goals. Study data are abstracted from Semi-structured interview with butcher shops' employees. Data collected were analyzed by SPSS "statistical package for social science" version 16. The researchers determined butcher shops in Fayoum which counted up to 65 shops according to Commercial Chamber Information Network (2014) to be the study's population.

The study results emphasized that butcher shops' employees contended that occupational health and safety is still below desired standards in general. And more than 92% of respondents have no adequate knowledge related to occupational health and safety concept, its importance and procedures. Based on the results obtained, the study raises some recommendations for further study.

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