

Did You Know...

Nutrition's Role in Preventing Workplace Injuries

Nutrition aids in preventing injuries in the workplace. A healthy diet is essential for:

- Staying alert during long workdays
- · Good decision-making abilities
- Keeping stress levels low
- Managing your weight and blood sugar levels

There are specific nutrients that can help you stay alert, aware, and awake.

- 1. Include at least 25g of protein in each meal and some protein with every snack. Some meals with 25g of protein or higher include: a breakfast skillet scramble, a turkey burger (for lunch), and baked chicken breast (for dinner). Snacks could include things like trail mix, low sugar beef jerky, Greek yogurt, roasted chickpeas.
- 2. When preparing dinner, make double the amount and pack the remaining for lunch the next day. Meal prepping is very beneficial to your health. It saves you from buying food and worrying about what you're going to eat.
- Invest in quality food containers and bring prepared meals from home. Having good quality containers
 aids in your health because they keep your food fresh and don't contain certain hazardous chemicals such as
 BPA.
- 4. **Swap energy drinks for antioxidant powerhouses.** Substituting Red Bull's, Monster's, and Reign's for drinks with chlorella, spirulina, green tea and kombucha will be beneficial to your health.
- 5. High calorie/ high fat meals slow you down. Fast food meals will have a great effect in slowing down if you don't take care of yourself.
- **6. B vitamins can improve cognitive performance and mood.** Foods such as dark leafy greens, whole grains, and B complex supplements are proven to increase your overall mood and health.



