

HANDOUT N: AMY'S DILEMMA

Amy works as a runner in a hospital. She takes masks, cleaning supplies, and other medical materials from a small supply room and brings them to different parts of the hospital. Amy has worked in this job for 7 months, so she knows her job tasks. When she started her job, she learned about the equipment in the supply room. She also received safety hazard training.

Yesterday, Amy noticed that a different piece of equipment was put in the supply room. Amy had never seen the piece of equipment before. It looked like a tank of gas. Amy has seen her coworkers moving gas tanks using a dolly, but she has not been trained on how to move gas tanks because it is not one of her job tasks. Amy knows that gas tanks do not belong in the supply room. She remembers from her training that gas can be a chemical hazard. Amy is not comfortable moving something that she has not been trained on. Amy went to go find her boss to ask what she should do.

Amy could not find her boss. She asked a nurse who was in the supply room how to move the gas tank. The nurse said that the tank was not heavy, and that Amy could just carry it up to the gas storage room.