

AN ANALYSIS OF RISK AND DISCOMFORTS FACED BY COBBLERS IN REPAIRING WORKS

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ABSTRACT

It is evident from various studies that awkward postures, stress and exposure to noise & vibration at work site may lead to occupational injuries and musculoskeletal disorders. Sitting for most of the work hours leads to discomfort and pain in different body regions mainly neck, shoulder and back. This study was taken up with an objective to study the existing work conditions among the cobblers and to assess the postural risks faced by them during their work. The Workplace Ergonomic Risk Assessment tool used for postural analysis revealed that cobblers are under medium risk category and the task needs to be investigated and changed.

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