

(iii) Laundries.

ORDER OF APRIL 23, 1920.

1920. No. 654.

In pursuance of Section 7 of the Police, Factories, &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916, (a) I hereby make the following Order for all factories and workshops or parts of factories and workshops which are laundries. Provided that paragraphs 3 and 5 of the Order shall not apply to laundries in which no mechanical power is used and in which not more than five persons are employed.

1. The occupier shall provide and maintain in good and clean condition, for the use of all persons employed in processes involving exposure to wet, suitable protective clothing, including waterproof boots or clogs, and also, for persons engaged in sorting soiled linen, suitable overalls or aprons with bibs, and armlets from wrist to elbow.

2. The occupier shall provide and maintain for the use of all the persons employed suitable accommodation for clothing put off during working hours, with adequate arrangements for drying the clothing if wet.

The accommodation so provided shall be placed under the charge of a responsible person, and shall be kept clean.

3. The occupier shall provide and maintain for the use of all the persons employed and remaining on the premises during the meal intervals a suitable messroom, which shall be furnished with (a) sufficient table and chairs or benches with back rests, and (b) unless a canteen serving hot meals is provided, adequate means of warming food and boiling water. The messroom shall be sufficiently warmed for use during meal intervals.

The messroom shall be separate from the cloakroom, and shall be placed under the charge of a responsible person, and shall be kept clean. Provided that, in the case of an existing laundry where there are structural difficulties in the way of such separation, the Chief Inspector of Factories may by written certificate (which may be revoked at any time) allow some other arrangement if satisfied that it provides suitable accommodation for the workers.

4. The occupier shall provide and maintain for the use of all the persons employed suitable facilities for washing, comprising a sufficient supply of clean towels, soap and warm water, adjacent to where the work is done.

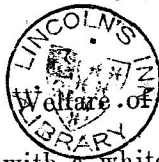
5. The occupier shall provide in readily accessible positions a sufficient number of "First Aid" boxes or cupboards.

Each box or cupboard shall be distinctively marked, and if newly provided after the date of this Order shall be marked

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plainly with a white cross on a red ground, and shall contain, besides any other medical appliances or requisites:—

- (i) Suitable first-aid dressings for fingers, hands, feet or other injured parts.
- (ii) Sterilised cotton wool.
- (iii) Burn dressings (large and small).
- (iv) Plaster—waterproofed on the outside.
- (v) Ointment, a bottle of iodine solution and a bottle of sal volatile.
- (vi) A copy of the First Aid leaflet issued by the Factory Department of the Home Office.

Nothing except appliances or requisites for First Aid shall be kept in a "First Aid" box or cupboard.

Each "First Aid" box or cupboard shall be kept stocked and in good order and shall be placed under the charge of a responsible person, who shall always be readily available.

A notice or notices shall be affixed in every workroom stating the name of the person in charge of the "First Aid" box or cupboard provided in respect of that room.

The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to laundries attached to hospitals, asylums, or other public institutions in which arrangements are provided for medical treatment of accidents and illness.

6. The occupier shall provide for all female workers whose work is done standing, facilities for sitting so as to enable them to take advantage of any opportunities for resting which may occur in the course of their employment.

7. The occupier shall provide and maintain at suitable points, conveniently accessible at all times to all persons employed:—

- (a) An adequate supply of wholesome drinking water from a public main or from some other source of supply approved in writing by the local authority of the district in which the laundry is situated, which shall be either laid on, or contained in a suitable vessel;
- (b) (except where the water is delivered in an upward jet from which the workers can conveniently drink) at least one suitable cup or drinking vessel at each point of supply, with facilities for rinsing it in drinking water.

Each drinking water supply shall be clearly marked "Drinking Water."

All practicable steps shall be taken to preserve the water and vessels from contamination.

8. This Order shall come into force on the 1st June, 1920.

E. Shortt,

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Whitehall,
23rd April, 1920.

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