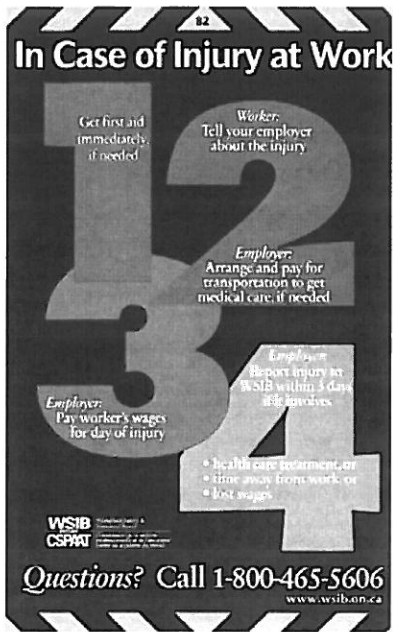


Read the selection below and answer the questions that follow it.



Any followed her co-worker into the lunchroom. “Stop worrying. You can’t lose your job.” 1

She walked over to the staff bulletin board. “Look, it says so right here in this brochure about the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. Any worker can say no to work if ‘the physical condition of the workplace or the part thereof in which he or she works or is to work is likely to endanger him or her.’” 2

“And what exactly does that mean in everyday language?” asked Joe. 3

“It means that any worker has the right to refuse unsafe work. The shift supervisor asked you to clean the equipment with solvent in an unventilated space. That storeroom doesn’t even have a window to open. If you had obeyed her, you would have breathed harmful 4

fumes. So you were right to say no. Because Shauna is a supervisor, she really needs to know about what’s in the Act.”

“I’ve only worked here three weeks. I don’t want Shauna to think I’m a troublemaker,” Joe blurted in a rush. He collapsed into a chair. 5

“When I did a research project at school, I found out that an average of 42 young workers are harmed on the job every day just in Ontario. You don’t want to be one of them.” 6

“I can see that knowing about workplace safety is essential for everyone.” Joe stood up with a smile. “Let’s talk to Shauna.” 7

Written Answer

6 What is one character trait that describes Amy? Use specific details from this selection to support your answer.

7 Why should everyone learn about workplace safety? Use specific details from this selection and your own ideas to support your answer.

Rough Notes

Use the space below for rough notes. Nothing you write in this space will be scored.