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**Level 4 – 13th December, 2021**

## **Injuries in home offices are workplace accidents**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211213-workplace-accidents-4.html>

A court ruled that getting injured at home or your home office is a workplace accident. Judges said walking from your bed to your desk in another room is a commute to work. Any injuries you get on that journey is eligible for compensation. A rule was made in a case where a man slipped down his stairs from his bedroom to his home office and broke his back. The court said the "first morning journey from bed to the home office is an insured work route".

The idea of what a workplace is changed after the pandemic. Millions of people are now working at home. This changes health and safety rules about the workplace and accidents. A question is who is responsible for ensuring a home office follows safety laws. Also, how much an employer is liable for injuries sustained in an employee's home. An expert on employment law said new legislation would be needed to decide future claims.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A court ruled           | a. down his stairs |
| 2. getting injured         | b. to work         |
| 3. a commute               | c. journey         |
| 4. Any injuries you get on | d. at home         |
| 5. eligible for            | e. back            |
| 6. a man slipped           | f. that journey    |
| 7. broke his               | g. compensation    |
| 8. the first morning       | h. that            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. The idea of what a        | a. law           |
| 2. people are now working    | b. safety laws   |
| 3. rules about the workplace | c. claims        |
| 4. a home office follows     | d. at home       |
| 5. how much an employer is   | e. be needed     |
| 6. An expert on employment   | f. workplace is  |
| 7. new legislation would     | g. liable        |
| 8. decide future             | h. and accidents |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211213-workplace-accidents-4.html>

A court ruled that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ home or your home office is a workplace accident. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from your bed to your desk in another room is a (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Any injuries you get on that journey is eligible for compensation. A rule was made in a case where a man (4) \_\_\_\_\_ stairs from his bedroom to his home office and (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The court said the "first morning journey from bed to the home office is an (6) \_\_\_\_\_".

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a workplace is changed after the pandemic. Millions of people are now working at home. This changes health and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the workplace and accidents. A question is who is responsible (9) \_\_\_\_\_ home office follows safety laws. Also, how much an employer (10) \_\_\_\_\_ injuries sustained in an employee's home. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ employment law said new legislation would be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ future claims.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211213-workplace-accidents-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about workplace accidents in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

