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Occupational safety and health in retail grocery stores

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This industry reported large numbers of work-related injuries and illnesses in store and warehouse operations. Stock handlers and retail sales clerks sustained serious sprains, cuts, and other disabling disorders. This article examines the recent injury and illness experience of the nearly 3 million workers currently employed in grocery stores, an industry with diverse settings that include convenience food stores, food markets, supermarkets, and the supporting operations run by large food retailers, such as fleets of trucks and cavernous warehouses.

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