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ASDA CHOOSES TO BREAK THE LAW...

Dear members,

For a long time, Health and Safety compliance and training within ASDA has been treated as an afterthought. Training reduced to signing a file note, pretending to watch a video, and broken and outdated equipment still being used because the stores are not allowed to purchase replacements.



GMB London Region is fed up with our members safety being taken for granted, and want to put the power back in the members hands to have health and safety taken seriously in store. That's why we've put in requests for local GMB safety committees to be set up to give members the opportunity to have real control over how safety is managed in their stores.

Requests have now been submitted to every ASDA store in GMB London Region, after starting with ASDA Wisbech and ASDA Lowestoft. The Health & Safety Executive states that:

“If two or more union-appointed health and safety representatives request in writing that you set up a health and safety committee, you must do so within three months of the request.”

Unfortunately, some senior ASDA management arrogantly think that the law is only a suggestion and have ignored the requests for the first two stores, despite ASDA's head office formally acknowledging that there are no safety committees in place in ASDA that deal with local issues.

ASDA is now under investigation due to failing to comply with the law, and GMB London Region intends to pressure ASDA to put these committees in place and start taking H&S standards seriously, for the benefit of all ASDA workers.

If you are impacted by this issue and would like support or advice, please contact our office directly at 01603 626492, or visit our GMB Members' Support Centre at www.gmb-asda.com/support

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