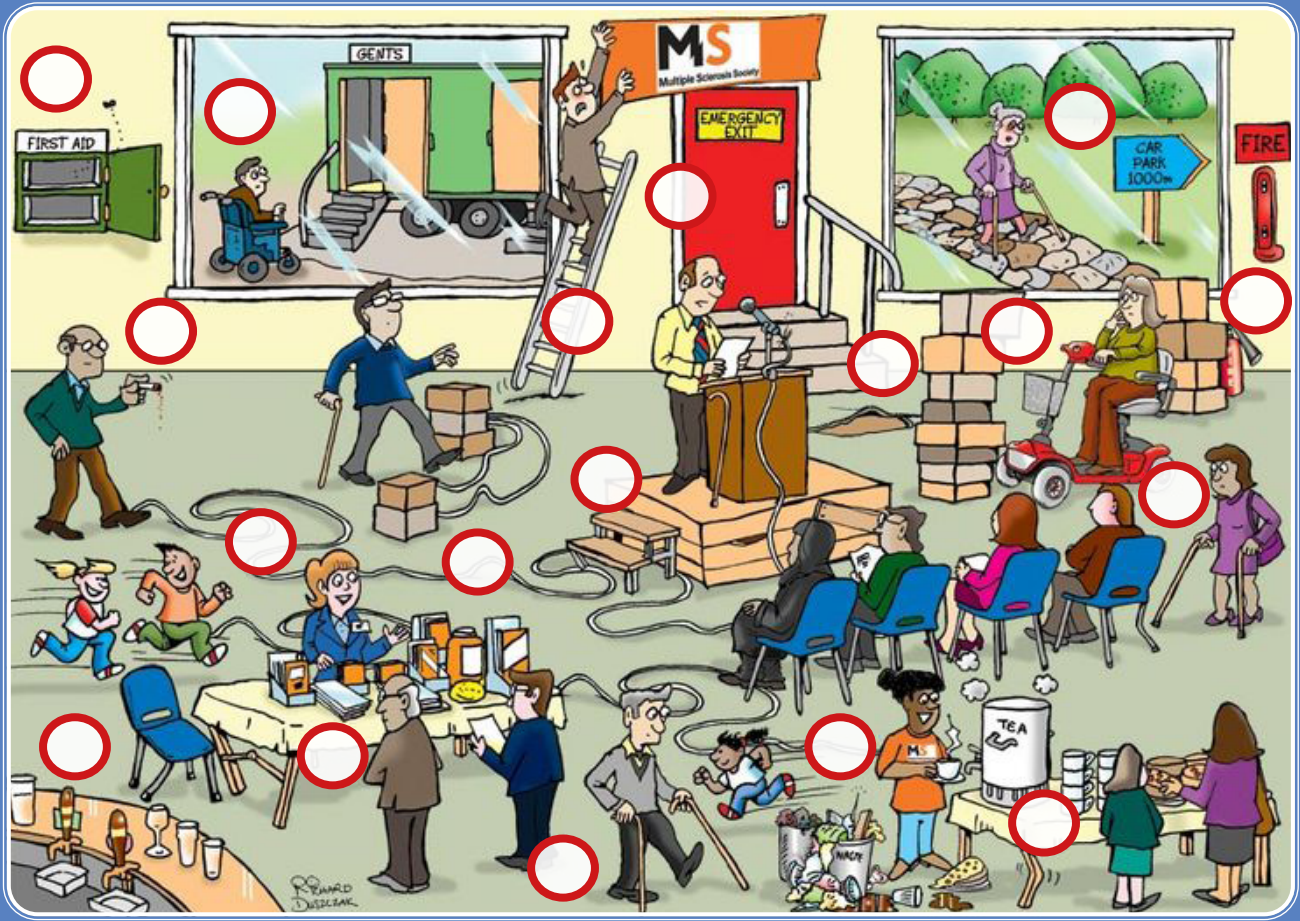
20: Health and safety in the workplace

workwise

Activity 2: Spot the hazards!

Some very bad practice is going on in this workplace! First, put the right numbers from box 1 in the circles. Then, link the bad practice with its likely consequence from box 2. For example, each circle should have a number and a letter - 2j.



1. Bad practices

1. No first aid
2. Man walking around with a lit cigarette
3. Kids running and partially sighted man walking around with boxes lying everywhere
4. Desk and chair is wonky/damaged
5. Alcohol at work
6. Man with walking sticks walking towards overflowing bin
7. Woman pouring hot tea with trip hazards at her feet
8. Stage is damaged and wonky leg
9. Wires trailing throughout
10. Lack of seating for audience
11. Boxes lying all around the floor
12. Fire extinguisher not on the wall
13. Carpet is faulty en route to emergency exit
14. Missing safety rail on stairs leading to fire exit
15. Man balancing on unstable ladder to put banner up
16. Woman with mobility issues walking a distance to car park
17. Wheelchair user unable to access male toilets
18. Unstable legs on tea table

2. Likely consequences

a) The stairs could give way on anyone using them
b) Can cause people to fall over each other during emergency exit
c) Unable to extinguish any fire outbreaks
d) Fall over items and spill hot liquid causing scalding
e) Woman in mobility scooter about to crash into boxes
f) Someone is bound to tip over these and injure themselves
g) Could fall off causing injury
h) Can cause health and sanitation risks
i) No support for people who are unsteady on their feet
j) Uneven surface a trip hazard and car park not nearby which is a physical hazard for people with mobility issues
k) Fall over it and cause woman with tea to scald herself
l) Urn can fall off table and cause injury or scalding to bystanders
m) Impairs personal judgement causing accidents
n) Objects can fall off the table and injure near bystanders
o) Slips, trips and falls hazard
p) Fire hazard
q) Woman in purple dress with walking sticks unable to sit down
r) Inability to treat anyone who has an accident

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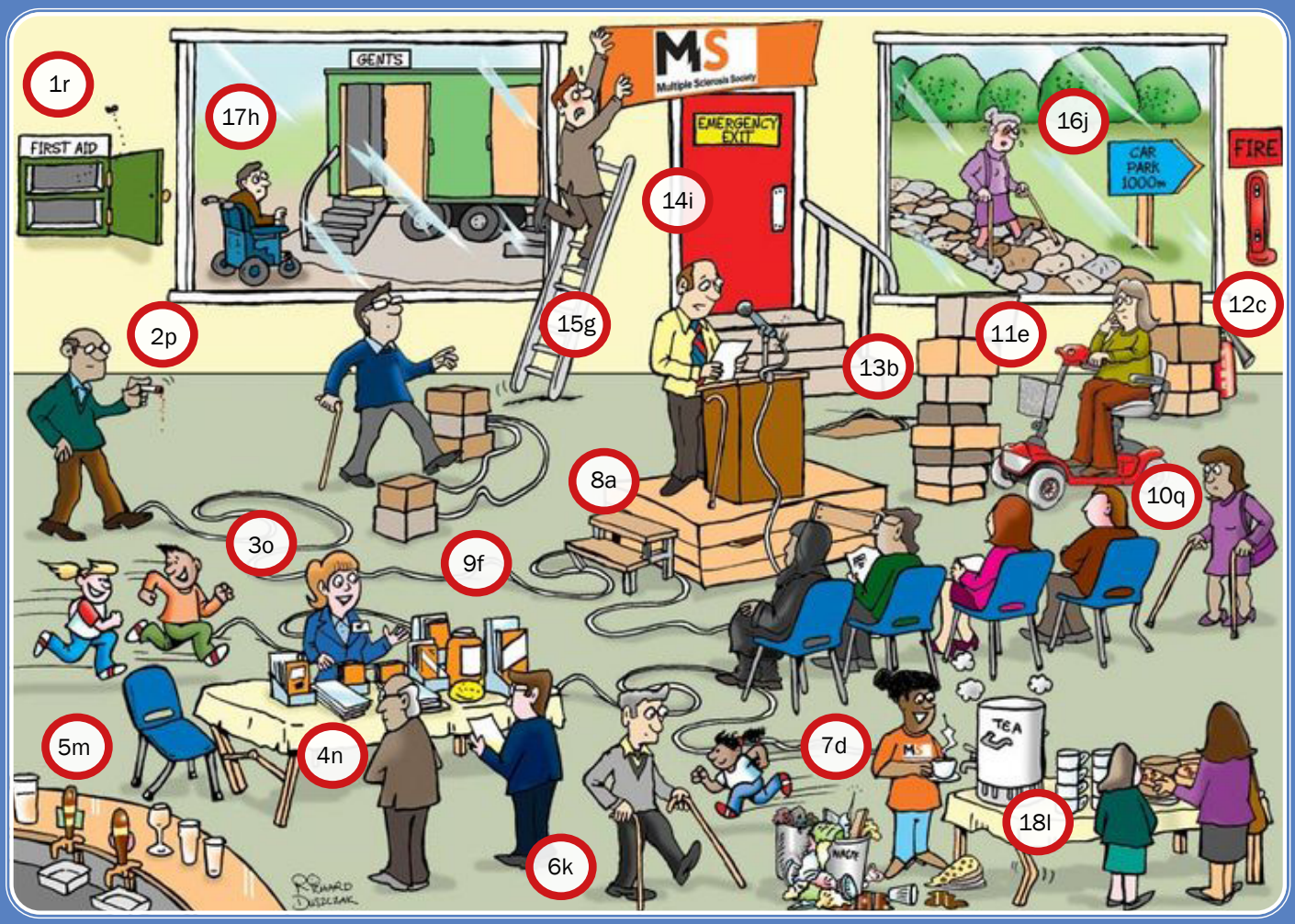
Answers



1r	**No first aid** - Inability to treat anyone who has an accident.
2p	**Man walking around with a lit cigarette** - Fire hazard.
3o	**Kids running and partially sighted man walking around with boxes lying everywhere** - Slips, trips and falls hazard.
4n	**Desk and chair is wonky/damaged** - Objects can fall off the table and injure near bystanders.
5m	**Alcohol at work** - Impairs personal judgement causing accidents.
6k	**Man with walking sticks walking towards overflowing bin** - Fall over it and cause woman with tea to scald herself.
7d	**Woman pouring hot tea with trip hazards at her feet** - Fall over items and spill hot liquid causing scalding.
8a	**Stage is damaged and wonky leg** - The stairs could give way on anyone using them.
9f	**Wires trailing throughout** - Someone is bound to tip over these and injure themselves.
10q	**Lack of seating for audience** - Woman in purple dress with walking sticks unable to sit down.
11e	**Boxes lying all around the floor** - Woman in mobility scooter about to crash into boxes.
12c	**Fire extinguisher not on the wall** - Unable to extinguish any fire outbreaks.
13b	**Carpet is faulty en route to emergency exit** - Can cause people to fall over each other during emergency exit.
14i	**Missing safety rail on stairs leading to fire exit** - No support for people who are unsteady on their feet.
15g	**Man balancing on unstable ladder to put banner up** - Could fall off causing injury.
16j	**Woman with mobility issues walking a distance to car park** - Uneven surface a trip hazard and car park not nearby which is a physical hazard for people with mobility issues.
17h	**Wheelchair user unable to access male toilets** - Can cause health and sanitation risks.
18l	**Unstable legs on tea table** - Urn can fall off table and cause injury or scalding to bystanders.