



**Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention**
National Institute for Occupational
Safety and Health

Verbal Consent to be in a Research Study
Translational products to prevent WMSDs and falls among aging retail workers

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is a federal agency that studies worker safety and health. We are part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

You are being asked to participate in a study for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The study asks retail workers who move, lift, or place retail materials as their main job about workplace musculoskeletal disorders (WMSDs) and Slips, Trips and Falls (STFs). WMSDs affect muscles, nerves, and tendons in the arms, legs, back, and neck. The most common injuries are back pain, joint strain, knee pain, and sprains.

The study will collect views and opinions on WMSDs and STFs from workers of different ages through focus groups. A focus group is a small group of people brought together to discuss a topic. The study will ask you your opinion on WMSDs and STFs. It will also ask about information you may have received about how to prevent these injuries. The information you share will help us understand how retail companies can protect all workers from WMSDs and STFs on the job. The study is being conducted by 2M Research; a research firm hired by NIOSH.

This focus group will last 75- 90 minutes. Your participation is voluntary. It is up to you whether you participate. If you do decide to participate, you do not have to answer every question. You can stop participating at any time. There will be no loss of any benefits you are eligible for if you choose to stop participating in the focus group. There are no known risks associated with participation in this study. You will receive \$40.00 when you complete the focus group.

We will audio-record the discussion and take notes. The information collected will be used by NIOSH for research purposes. No personal information that would identify you (your name, phone number, or where you work) will be released to anyone outside of the research team. Your identity will not be made public in the study's reports. There is a small risk of loss of privacy. The research team has taken many steps to reduce this risk. The information collected during the focus group may be used in a future study and/or shared with other researchers.

For questions about your rights, your privacy, or harm to you, contact the Chair of the NIOSH Institutional Review Board (IRB) in the Human Research Protection Program at 513-533-8591. You may also contact the NIOSH project coordinator, Harpriya Kaur, at wdo6@cdc.gov or 513-533-8372.

The study was explained to me. My questions were answered. I agree to be in the study.

Do you have any questions?

Do you want to participate in the study?

☐ No ☐ Yes

I have accurately described this study to the participant.

Printed name of NIOSH representative _____ Date _____

NIOSH representative signature
Date

A copy of this consent has been added to virtual chat for your reference and if you would like to retain a copy.