



Temperature In Store

Dear Colleagues,

During the winter months temperature in store is often an emotive subject with some feeling they are expected to work in conditions which are too cold.

GMB have listened to our members and at the recent ASDA GMB National Health & Safety Forum meeting in Sheffield 26th November temperature in store was brought to the attention of ASDA.

We highlighted that a number of stores were needing to supplement the heating with electric heaters, additional clothing such as gloves, scarves and have blankets to keep checkout colleagues warm.

Following this meeting we were informed at the ASDA GMB National Retail Forum, in Watford, on the 3rd December, that the temperature within all ASDA stores have been increased to 18° to improve the working conditions for colleagues and the shopping experience of our valued customers.

ASDA have requested that any store which does not meet the minimum 18° is reported to a duty manager so that the matter can be escalated to City Facilities. (**18° is an average across the shop floor)

If you feel your store is below the agreed 18° please speak with your GMB Shop Steward.

I will request that your GMB Shop Steward monitors the temperatures in store throughout the winter period.

We are committed to monitoring this issue for the protection of All GMB members.

Yours Sincerely

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