

MODAL VERBS PRACTICE

OBLIGATION	MUST	Workers must use their protective equipment
OBLIGATION	HAVE TO	Employees have to follow safety rules
PROHIBITION	MUST NOT	Workers must not smoke at the workplace
ADVICE / RECOMMENDATION	SHOULD/SHOULDN'T	Workers shouldn't use PPE in bad conditions
ABSENCE OF OBLIGATION	DON'T HAVE TO	Employees don't have to pay for the training courses / The worker doesn't have to buy PPE

1. Match each sentence to the correct category.

Sentences

1. You must wear PPE when working with electricity.
2. You shouldn't overload electrical outlets.
3. You don't have to fix electrical problems yourself.
4. You must not use damaged extension cords.
5. You should report unusual smells or sounds.

Categories

- A. Obligation
- B. Advice
- C. Prohibition
- D. No obligation

2. Complete the sentences with must /must not /don't have to

- 1) Employees _____ turn off the power before servicing any electrical equipment.
- 2) Workers _____ touch a person who is being electrocuted.

- 3) You _____ repair damaged electrical equipment yourself if you are not trained.
- 4) All electrical tools _____ be inspected for damage before use.
- 5) Employees _____ wear appropriate personal protective equipment when handling electricity.
- 6) Workers _____ overload circuits by plugging too many devices into a single outlet.
- 7) A worker _____ continue working if an electrical hazard is present.
- 8) Electrical equipment _____ be properly grounded to reduce the risk of electrocution.
- 9) Workers _____ use damaged extension cords or tools.
- 10) Employees _____ report unusual buzzing, crackling sounds, or burning smells immediately.
- 11) You _____ continue using an outlet that feels unusually warm.
- 12) Employees _____ follow all warning signs and safety labels on electrical equipment.
- 13) Workers _____ fix electrical problems themselves if they are not authorized

3. Rewrite each sentence using the modal verb in parentheses.

1. It is necessary to turn off the power. (**must**)

→ You _____

2. It is a good idea to inspect electrical cords. (**should**)

→ You _____

3. It is forbidden to use damaged tools. (**must not**)

→ You _____

4. It is not necessary for employees to repair equipment. (**don't have to**)

→ You _____

5. Reporting electrical hazards is required (**must**)

→ You _____

6. Touching exposed wires is not allowed. (**must not**)

→ You _____

7. Using insulated gloves is recommended (**should**)

→ You _____

8. Ignoring warning signs is not recommended (**shouldn't**)

→ You _____

9. Staff are not allowed to eat or drink near chemical storage areas. (**must not**)

→ Staff _____

10. Staff are not obliged to operate machinery without supervision. (**don't have to**)

→ Staff _____

11. Staff are advised to read instruction manuals before operating new machinery. (**should**)

→ Staff _____

12. Employees are advised not to use a ladder that is wet. (**shouldn't**)

→ Employees _____

13. Employees are not required to carry heavy loads if they have help. (**don't have to**)

→ _____