



For GMB Members in
**ASDA STORES &
DISTRIBUTION**
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HEALTH AND SAFETY HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS

Dear Asda Members

Members will be aware that the Union has raised concerns over heights and weights on pallets and containers. This is an issue in Stores and Distribution.

At the recent Distribution NJC we raised this issue with the business. The Company reaffirmed that there were rules and governance over heights and weights. They will be re-briefing on this issue. A scanned copy of the Coaching Card should have also been circulated to Distribution sites. GMB Shop Stewards \ Safety Representatives have an important role to play in ensuring the rules on heights and weights are followed and a proper safety culture is in place.

Very worryingly Distribution management do not seem to have had a lot of challenge from their Stores Management counterparts about heights and weights on pallets and containers. It is important that Union representatives are raising concerns formally so compelling management to take action.

We will continue to monitor this issue through GMB structures in both Stores and Distribution.

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