GMB@ASDA Retail



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Health, Safety & Welfare in Store

These are worrying times and ASDA colleagues are on the frontline and our members health, safety and welfare is of paramount importance. This is not business as usual, social distancing and keeping colleagues well, have to come first.

We've had lots of feedback from GMB members and reps all around the country about social distancing measures. In some stores these are working and screens have been fitted, but from what members and reps are saying more needs to be done to control the numbers of customers coming in to stores because otherwise, 2 metre distancing doesn't happen. This also goes for groups shopping together, it makes social distancing more difficult and we've asked ASDA to look at this. This has already been implemented in Sainsbury's.

For members stuck in aisles and feeling overwhelmed by the number of customers, then excuse yourself. Speak to your manager and GMB rep.

Home shopping picking and customers using the same space is a social distancing nightmare. The GMB has flagged it up at national level for it to be sorted at store level.

ASDA reports that the majority of stores have checkout screens fitted, but members in other stores rightly want to know when screens are coming to their stores. We've asked for an up to date fitting schedule and the screen fitting programme to be completed ASAP.

Members are aware that other supermarket workers are being issued with visors and GMB has made the request that ASDA does the same for colleagues.

We've done some important joint working with ASDA during this crisis and we will keep going at issues to keep our members safe. If you have any health & safety concerns, raise them in store, speak to your GMB rep or regional organiser.

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Recognition & Reward

The work of retail workers is essential during this crisis, without the commitment of these colleagues the nation would struggle to be fed. Government institutions and employers need to recognise and re-evaluate the work of retail workers. For too long retail work has been associated with low pay. It's now time to put an end to low pay in retail.

Yours sincerely

Gary Carter

GMB National Officer



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