

Employers should give night shift workers free vitamin D



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Night shift workers should be provided with free Vitamin D by bosses to keep them healthy, GMB congress has said.

A motion passed by GMB's Annual congress today calls for supplements for 'night workers who rarely get enough sunshine to produce it naturally'.



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The GMB should use all its influence to work with employers for the use of Vitamin 'D' supplements, and as it is a welfare issue, provide access to them in the workplace.

A recent medical study on almost 80,000 suggests vitamin D could cut the risk of dying from cancer.

Dan Shears, GMB Health and Safety Director, said:

"Lack of Vitamin D can lead to painful bone conditions – osteoporosis and osteopenia – that have a huge detrimental effect on the everyday lives of our members.

"We know that those working indoors in artificial light, or night workers, are at highest risk of Vitamin D deficiency, as so many of our members work in affected sectors such as warehousing, security, care and the NHS.

"We're looking for employers to work with us to introduce free Vitamin D supplements where workers are at the greatest risk.

"Whilst there's no intention to make this mandatory, or to force workers to take anything that they don't want to, a little prevention can make a huge difference, and in this case that has to be good news for everyone."

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