



# Do we really 'love thy neighbour'?

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HOW much do we care for those around us at work? Not much, if latest statistics are anything to go by. It seems the Great British workforce aren't that great when it comes to looking out for each other. We've become experts at ignoring dangers like spilt coffee or grease and masters

of stepping over hazardous cables. 'Leave it for someone else' seems to have become the motto that we each live our working life by in the 21st century. But isn't that sad? I wonder, would we still consider it a pain to wipe up a little spilt coffee if we'd once seen a friend slip and break their leg?

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## It could hurt his employer too

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