

**Table 4 Occupational health hazards and protective measures among working students by age at starting work**

Occupational health hazards	Working students ( <i>n</i> = 77)  No. (%)	Age at starting work (years)			<i>P</i> -value
		< 15 ( <i>n</i> = 9)	15–18 ( <i>n</i> = 26)	> 18 ( <i>n</i> = 42)	
		No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)	
Physical hazards <sup>1</sup>					
Noise	65 (84.4)	7 (10.8)	22 (33.8)	36 (55.4)	0.8
Temperature extremes	62 (80.5)	8 (12.9)	20 (32.3)	34 (54.8)	0.7
Vibration	32 (41.5)	3 (9.4)	11 (34.4)	18 (56.3)	0.8
Radiation	24 (31.2)	3 (12.5)	8 (33.3)	13 (54.2)	0.9
Carrying heavy loads	41 (53.2)	4 (9.8)	15 (36.6)	22 (53.6)	0.8
Chemical hazards	26 (33.7)	3 (11.5)	9 (34.6)	14 (53.7)	0.9
Psychosocial stressors	62 (80.5)	6 (9.7)	20 (32.3)	36 (58.1)	0.3
Lack of safety training programme	53 (68.8)	7 (13.2)	18 (34)	28 (52.8)	0.8
Lack of PPE at work	53 (68.8)	5 (9.4)	20 (37.7)	28 (52.8)	0.4

<sup>1</sup>Categories are not mutually exclusive.

PPE = personal protective equipment.