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Classrooms: Safe for me, safe for you

As teachers, your health and safety on the job is important. Take a look around—if something is not safe, make sure you report it so it can be fixed. If your classroom is safe for you, it's safe for your students. Click on the video link below to see what Ministry inspectors look for in science and technology classrooms.

www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/gallery/v_schools_hs.php

Prevention is @ MOL

Workplace health and safety prevention has moved from the WSIB to the Ministry of Labour. Headed by Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer, George Gritziotis, the Prevention Office will coordinate workplace injury prevention efforts, including young workers. As of October 1, 2012, every Ontario workplace must post the new Prevention poster.

You can get one for your classroom at: www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/poster_prevention.php

Links

Let us know what you think!
info@livesafeworksmart.net

Teacher safety resource website:
www.livesafeworksmart.net

**Coming in
the January issue...**

Resources: MOL's video library

It's Your Job... Video Contest for Secondary Students



This is a great opportunity to include making a video in your courses where there are workplace-related learning expectations or to challenge creative students. The Ontario Ministry of Labour is sponsoring a student video contest in the 2012/13 school year offering cash prizes for winning students and matching cash prizes for schools. Videos can be up to 2 minutes long to stress the importance of working safely on the job or about their rights to be paid fairly for the work they do.

Videos can be produced in first or second semester classes, but entries are only being accepted between February 1 and April 5, 2013. So make them now, tuck them away and send them in February, and/or make plans for second semester. Contest details, a downloadable contest flyer, rules and the entry form can be found at: www.ontario.ca/videocontest

Contest Details

Ontario 1st place \$1000 for the entrant(s), \$1,000 for their school
Ontario 2nd place \$750 for the entrant(s), \$750 for their school
Ontario 3rd place \$500 for the entrant(s), \$500 for their school

Winning Ontario videos will be automatically entered in the national "It's Your Job..." contest to compete against secondary school winners from across the country and be viewed by Canadians coast-to-coast during Fan Favourite voting in May 2013.

National winners will receive additional cash prizes and be entered in an international video competition. See contest rules.



Bright ideas for teachers

Download, print and post

Free posters for your classroom! Click on the link and go to the bottom of the page (but you may find other interesting documents as you scroll down the page!)

www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/publications.php#posters

New Resource

Online, interactive spot-the-hazard learning tools for your students:
www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/tools/index.php