

Live Safe! Work Smart!

eNewsletter
for Ontario Teachers

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Reminder: Updated classroom safety resources

Download this 10 page document that features great videos, posters, resources and information for your classroom to support health and safety

education: http://www.livesafeworksmart.net/english/pdf_mainpg/lsws_coop_update_2013.pdf

The Ministry of Labour's new occupational health and safety awareness program for Ontario workers provides relevant and timely health and safety information for students.

Download the materials or order free booklets: http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/worker_awareness.php

Quick Facts...

- Young workers out of school with no diploma are three times more likely to be injured than those in an educational program who had also graduated from high school.
- For young workers who had a high school diploma but were not in school, the injury rates were almost double compared to those still in school with a high school diploma.

Source: Institute for Work and Health:
<http://www.iwh.on.ca/highlights/young-workers-out-of-school-with-no-diploma-more-likely-to-be-injured>

Links

- Ministry of Labour resource website for teachers: www.livesafeworksmart.net
- Live Safe! Work Smart! Newsletter: <http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/resources/subscribe/index.php>

2013/14 It's Your Job... safety video contest Cash prizes for students AND their school

Get your creative students ready to create a video for this year's Ministry of Labour workplace safety video contest. All secondary school students are eligible.

Perhaps consider it as a class assignment - two of last year's winners were collaborative efforts from Communications Technology classes.

Funny, poignant, thought provoking, animated – as long as the video is under two minutes in length and addresses workplace safety, it meets the contest requirements.

The winning video will receive \$1000, \$750 for second place and \$500 for third place, with matching cash prizes for the winners' school.

Once again, our top Ontario videos will be entered into a Canada-wide contest to compete for additional cash prizes!

Learn more about the contest: www.ontario.ca/videocontest

See, share and show the 2012/13 winners:

The videos produced by our talented secondary school students are available for you to download and use in your classrooms. What great conversation starters or perhaps motivation to create their video for this year's contest.

<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/contest/winners2013.php>

Employment Standards News

In another step to enhance protection for young workers, a new resource for business owners on how and why they should comply with the Employment Standards Act has been released. The information sheet entitled **What Businesses Need to Know** features information on core employment standards, the claims process, proactive inspections and prosecutions. Business and entrepreneurship teachers may find this helpful.

http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/es/pubs/fs_compliance.php



In April 2013, the ministry launched a short and helpful, two-minute video on illegal deductions from wages:

http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/gallery/es/v_deductions.php

See the April 2013 edition of this newsletter for other classroom-friendly employment standards activities:
www.livesafeworksmart.net