

Live Safe! Work Smart!

eNewsletter
for Ontario Teachers

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Resources for teaching fall hazard awareness

The Ministry of Labour's collection of free resources includes an interactive "spot the hazard" activity tool, videos and tip sheets to support your delivery of basic fall awareness lessons to prepare students for job-specific training. They are especially suitable for construction technology students, and for preparing cooperative education students for work placements.

<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/falls.php>

Facts: Working Students

Young people in Canada aged 12 to 14 are working in greater numbers than most would suppose. Nearly 53% of youth in Ontario reported working during the school year. The number of hours worked in formal settings by 12 year olds was an average of 3.3 hours per week. Approximately 6% reported being injured on the job. (Source: Institute for Work and Health 2008)

Employment Standards Advice

Students should know that it is their right to expect a regular pay day and a pay stub that is clear. It is a good idea for students to keep a record of the hours they work. Here is a downloadable information sheet to learn more:

https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/es/pubs/tips_youngworkers.php

Links

Ministry of Labour resource website for teachers: www.livesafeworksmart.net

Subscribe: <http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/resources/subscribe/index.php>

NEW free basic occupational health and safety awareness training from the Ministry of Labour

Ontario has introduced a new training regulation to keep workers safe on the job. The Occupational Health and Safety Awareness and Training regulation is designed to prevent workplace incidents and injuries by ensuring that all workers and supervisors are aware of their health and safety rights and responsibilities in the workplace.

The regulation will come into effect on July 1, 2014. It will make basic awareness training mandatory for all workers and supervisors covered by the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

The Ministry of Labour has developed two training programs, one for workers and one for supervisors, as a training resource for workplaces.

The suite of training programs includes a NEW online e-learning tool available in English and French. In addition, there are workbooks for workers and supervisors available in nine languages along with their associated employer guides.

Teachers should consider using the new awareness training in their classrooms to complement safety-related curriculum and placement preparation activities already in use, including resources in the Live Safe! Work Smart! series, Passport to Safety, guest speakers, etc. The ministry's e-learning module should take less than an hour to complete. Once the module is finished, participants will receive certificates as evidence of completion. The certificate can be included in a student's portfolio and attached to job applications. The certificate is valid for the remainder of the participant's career.

Access the FREE e-learning tool and workbooks:
www.Ontario.ca/LearnToWorkSafe

2013/14 It's Your Job... safety video contest!

Accepting entries November 1, 2013, to March 28, 2014

Check our website for contest rules, downloadable posters and further information: www.Ontario.ca/VideoContest

The winning secondary school student video will receive \$1000, \$750 for second place and \$500 for third place, with matching cash prizes for the winners' school. The top Ontario videos will be entered into a Canada-wide contest to compete for additional cash prizes!

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