

Live Safe! Work Smart!

eNewsletter
for Ontario Teachers

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Deductions from wages

Students should know that employers cannot make unauthorized deductions from their wages. For example, if a customer leaves without paying or an employee's error costs the employer money, that amount cannot be deducted from wages.

Here's a video you may want to share with your students to learn more:

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

OCEA and OCTE conferences

Are you a cooperative or technical education teacher planning to attend these spring conferences? If so, we're looking forward to seeing you!

The Ministry of Labour will be delivering a plenary session for all delegates at both conferences and two additional workshops at OCEA. The latest in classroom-friendly health and safety and employment standards resources and information will be shared.

Links

Email your ideas for articles to:
sue.boychuk@ontario.ca

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

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

Ontario student safety video wins GOLD!

Last year's winning secondary school video from Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary in Caledon won a GOLD award in the AVA Digital Awards international competition. This competition recognizes excellence by creative professionals responsible for the planning, concept, direction, design and production of digital communication. This award is in addition to the \$1000 the students won for being the top video in Ontario and the \$2000 they won for being #1 in Canada.

See the video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StWAcr-tzR8>

Will your students' video be next? The 2013/14 It's Your Job student safety video contest closes March 28, 2014.

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

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

Classroom guest speakers

Teachers and students appreciate a guest speaker who can reinforce key messages the teacher has already delivered to meet the health and safety curriculum or policy requirements. Please note that the WSIB no longer administers the Young Worker Awareness Program (YWAP) or provides resources.

For community experts who can deliver a young worker safety awareness message for a school assembly or for the classroom, here are a few organizations to contact:

Health and Safety Awareness Program
Workplace Safety Prevention Services (WSPS)
hsapregistrations@wsps.ca / 1-877-494-WSPS (9777)

Young Worker Awareness Program
Workers' Health and Safety Centre
ywap@whsc.on.ca

My Safe Work
Rob Ellis
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Threads of Life
Workplace Tragedy Family Support Association
speakersbureau@threadsoflife.ca

