

Live Safe! Work Smart! Newsletter – November 2017

High school students can win cash prizes and provincial and national recognition through the 2017-18 *It's Your Job* VideoContest!

The Ministry of Labour has once again launched the *It's Your Job* student video contest. *It's Your Job* challenges Ontario's secondary school students to create an original video that can be used in social media to illustrate the importance of working safely on the job. Thecontest provides a creative platform for youth to voice what they believe are the important workplace health and safety issues facing them and their peers.

Every year, we continue to be impressed by the outstanding videos that students have created. If you haven't seen last year's winning videos, we encourage you to visit the ministry's [website](#) to watch them.

There is an optional theme for the 2017-18 contest: *Impairment at work is everyone's business*. Students can create a video about how they would communicate with their peers to raise awareness of potential sources of workplace impairment (e.g. fatigue, lack of sleep, long hours, medications, alcohol, and drugs).

As with previous years, students also can create videos on:

- A message to their peers that raises awareness about workplace safety, or
- Any other health and safety messages students wish to convey.

All current Ontario secondary school students are eligible to participate, and the deadline to submit videos is March 2, 2018. The first place video will also go on to compete in the national *It's Your Job* video contest organized by the

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

Please visit [Ontario.ca/videocontest](https://ontario.ca/videocontest) for additional information including contest rules, entry forms and past winners.

Any questions about the contest can be directed to videocontest@ontario.ca.

Preparing students for seasonal jobs – know your employment standard rights

As we approach the holiday season, young workers across Ontario will be looking for seasonal employment. The best way to help prepare young workers is to educate them on their employment standards rights. The [Know Your Rights Video](#) provides an overview of employment rights under the [Employment Standards Act, 2000](#) (ESA) and is a great source of information.

For more information and to access resources available to young workers, please visit [Ontario.ca/youngworkers](https://ontario.ca/youngworkers).

Ontario Student Injury Prevention website launched

The Council of Ontario Directors of Education, with funding from the Ministry of Education, has launched a new online resource to support school boards with student injury prevention.

[OSIP.ca](https://osip.ca) (Ontario Student Injury Prevention) is a "one-stop" online destination for principals, supervisory officers, school board safety leads, and others responsible for student safety.

The site includes a collection of links to student safety partners, sample school board plans, important news/updates, and examples of injury prevention strategies in action. After registering (members must first be identified and invited to join by their board), users can also ask a question, share a resource, or join in a conversation about student safety.

Visit OSIP.ca today to learn more.

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