

EDUCATING STUDENTS ABOUT WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH

A job can offer many opportunities for fulfillment and personal growth, but hazards exist in many workplaces. Young workers and workers with disabilities are at increased risk for workplace injuries. Those entering the workforce need to be educated on basic occupational safety and health (OSH) skills; they also need to receive job-specific safety training from their employers on the hazards that exist in that particular workplace.



What are the basic OSH Skills?

- Identify hazards in any workplace
- Know how hazards can be controlled
- Know what to do in an emergency
- Know employee rights and responsibilities
- Speak up effectively when a problem arises.



RESOURCES

Youth@Work: Talking Safety - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

www.cdc.gov/niosh/talkingsafety/NY

Or go to www.nycosh.org

Click on Young Workers under “Initiatives”
“For Teachers”

Staying Safe at Work: Teaching Workers with Developmental Disabilities about Health and Safety on the Job

NIOSH/LOHP-UCBerkeley

<http://lohp.org/safe-at-work-curriculum/>



Live Safe! Work Smart!

(Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Board)

7 lessons: 1) Intro; 2) machines, ladders, electricity and lift trucks; 3) germs; 4) chemicals; 5) strains/ sprains; 6) safety gear; 7) stress/banishing bullies

http://www.livesafeworksmart.net/english/special_needs/index.htm

Handouts to download;
request copy of manual

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