

What can you do to protect teen workers in your district?



Use the free, *Youth@Work: Talking Safety* curriculum (from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health - NIOSH) to give your students the vital work readiness skills they need to stay safe and healthy on the job now -and throughout their lives.

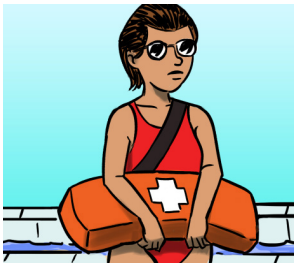
Make *Youth@Work: Talking Safety* part of the school health and work readiness programs in your district.

Teens are at increased risk for injury and death on the job.

Every minute, a young person in the United States is injured on the job.

Youth are twice as likely as adults to get hurt at work. The numbers are likely much higher, because injury data for workers under age 15 are unavailable.

By the time they finish high school, 80% of U.S. teens have held a job. But the vast majority of them enter the work force unprepared for the challenges-and hazards-they face.



Why do youth get hurt, sick, or killed on the job?

Teens work in a variety of industries, from food service to farming. They get hurt at twice the rate of adult workers. Employers are responsible for making workplaces safe. But teens often lack proper supervision, safety awareness, and training.

True Stories:

- 17-year-old Darnell lost a finger in a food shredder at a fast food restaurant.
- 16-year-old Maria was robbed and assaulted at gunpoint while working alone at a clothing shop.



- 15-year-old Katie suffered a severe burn while working as a barista.
- 14-year-old Wayne died after falling into a feed grinder while working on a farm.

YOUTH @ WORK

Talking Safety



A free, fun, and fast curriculum for middle and high schools

Work readiness skills to keep young people safe and healthy

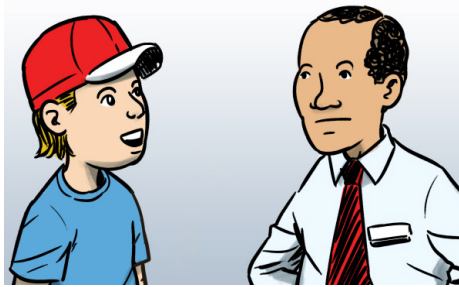
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)



Tragedies at work don't have to happen.
Help young people get the skills they
need to stay safe and healthy on the job!

What is *Talking Safety*?

Talking Safety is a free, interactive, curriculum that teaches essential work readiness skills to middle and high school students. These skills will help them stay safe and healthy, now and throughout their lives.



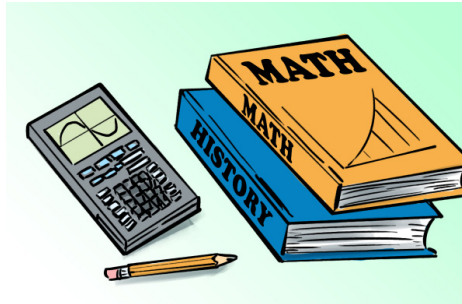
The curriculum helps students to:

- Receive vital work readiness skills they can use in any workplace, now and in the future.
- Increase their awareness of workplace safety risks and hazards.
- Communicate with employers and protect themselves from job hazards.
- Know their rights and responsibilities on the job.
- Have a positive and active attitude toward workplace safety and health.
- Know how to respond to emergencies on the job.

Bring *Talking Safety* to school today.
Save a life tomorrow.

Does *Talking Safety* work?

Yes! The curriculum was extensively pilot tested in 16 high schools across the United States. It was shown to increase students' knowledge of workplace safety and health and gave them vital skills for protecting themselves on the job.



It's easy to teach *Talking Safety*

The curriculum gives you everything you need:

- 11 flexible, 45-minute lesson plans.
- Detailed teachers' tips.
- PowerPoint slides and handouts.
- Interactive games.
- Resources for your state.
- Certificate of completion.
- A 13-minute companion video.

Skills for safe and healthy work are
vital to college and career readiness.

It contributes to academic performance

Studies show that when a teen is hurt on the job, s/he can experience the negative impact on academic performance. Keeping youth healthy and safe on the job is crucial to helping them succeed in the classroom.

It fits into your school health and work readiness programs

Talking Safety is aligned with the Center for Diseases Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Health Education Standards (NHES) and incorporates the characteristics of effective health education curricula.

You can also use *Talking Safety* in career education/work readiness programs, internship programs, and in other training situations for young workers.

The curriculum aligns with the goals and standards of the National Career Clusters® Initiative and the Common Career Technical Core. It is supported by the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc).