

What Teachers and Community Organizations Can Do to Promote Teen Safety on the Job

Teach about teen worker rights and responsibilities.

Teachers can be valuable resources for teens navigating the work world for the first time. See contact information below to request materials referred to in the following tips:

- **Post the Safe Jobs for Youth Poster in your classroom or school.** We hold an annual contest as a part of Safe Jobs for Youth Month. Encourage your students to enter next year's contest.
- **Teach health and safety in your classes.** Use the lesson plan in this kit, from past resource kits, or one of the more in-depth curricula available from LOHP or LOSH. See the order forms in this kit, or go to www.youngworkers.org and click on "Get—For Teachers and Youth Employment Programs".
- **Follow us on social media and encourage teens to participate.**



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- **Share "Are you a working teen?" info with students.**
 - Download our NEW app [Are You a Working Teen?] at the app store or get it on google play. Or check out our website for more info: www.youngworkers.org. [This year's teaching activity is a Game Show activity that will help your students get familiar with the app.](#)
 - Distribute hard copy fact sheets (English and Spanish), which you can order or download from our website.
 - You can use this information in classroom teaching, school libraries or with work permit applications. The app and the fact sheets summarize the key labor and health and safety laws that can help protect teens, as well as other important workplace rights.

Be aware of the laws that can protect teens from being injured on the job.

- California labor laws prohibit teens from working late and/or long hours, and from doing especially dangerous work. These laws are summarized in our fact sheets.

- Cal/OSHA’s workplace safety and health regulations require that the workplace be safe, and that workers receive health and safety training on the tasks they do.

Help teens with problems at work.

- If a student has concerns about hours or safety at work, help her or him think about what change is needed and why, whose help they might need, and how to approach the supervisor. Email andrews2@berkeley.edu with questions, or call 510-642-5507.

Make sure working teens have a work permit.

- In California, even during the summer, workers less than 18 years old must have a permit to work for each new job (unless they have already graduated). Students apply for work permits at their school or district office.
- Integrate the online Work Permit Quiz into your school’s work permit issuing process. www.youngworkers.org/permits/.

To request or download training materials, factsheets, posters, bookmarks, etc.

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