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May is... SAFE JOBS FOR YOUTH MONTH

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What Teachers & Community Groups Can Do

This tipsheet provides suggestions for teachers and other school and community personnel to serve as resources for teens navigating the work world for the first time. We have included ideas for possible "Safe Jobs" activities, based on some of the successful projects accomplished by participants in our annual Young Worker Leadership Academies. Please visit our website, <u>http://youngworkers.org/ywla/</u>, for more information about the Academy, and to see all of the projects.

Teaching Activities

- <u>What's the Deal with AB800? What you need to know about Workplace Readiness Week</u>. This year's kit focuses on AB800, a new law that will require all high schools in California to teach about workplace readiness, starting the week of April 28th, 2024. Schools must also distribute a fact sheet for young workers to learn more about their rights on the job with a QR code to access more information.
- <u>Work Permit Quiz</u>: Workers under 18 must apply for work permits before beginning a new job. Students can take the 10-question Work Permit Quiz to test their knowledge before starting work. Once students pass, they can print a certificate with their name!
 - Available in Spanish use with the Spanish translation of the Are You A Working Teen? Fact sheet!
- **Previous Activities Online:** Great teaching activities from past years are also available. Choose from several fun and engaging activities you can use to teach teens important information about worker safety, from legal rights on the job to identifying hazards and solutions in the workplace.

Poster Contest Winner

Safe Jobs for Youth Month Posters feature the winning artwork from each year's statewide high school poster contest. Posters are available free upon request. Post them in schools, libraries, and community centers. Check out the <u>winning poster</u> this year.

Factsheets for Teens, Employers & Parents

Our easy-to-read factsheets answer key questions about work safety for teens, their rights on the job, basic labor laws that apply to them, and where to go for information and help. Obtain additional copies and distribute them to teens, employers and parents. The following fact sheets are available in Spanish and English.

- Are You A Working Teen?
- Facts for Employers-Safer Jobs for Teens
- Factsheet: Tips for Parents of Working Teens

There are also sample articles for employer newsletters and parent newsletters on our website.

City Proclamation Template

Have your students petition their City Council for a proclamation declaring May as "Safe Jobs for Youth Month."



All these materials and more are downloadable at:

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Click on "Safe Jobs for Youth Month"

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