



TOOLS

Workplace Safety Curricula

The Labor and Occupational Health Program has tools available to help high school teachers introduce students to health and safety on the job. Its curricula and fact sheets (some available in Spanish) teach teens the basics in an interactive and interesting way. Although this curriculum was developed for California, the lessons can be easily adapted to other areas. All of the job hazards covered in the lessons address federal child labor laws. The following curricula can help you to maximize learning and support safety of your students in job shadow experiences.

Work Safe! A Curriculum for Youth Employment Programs

Designed to help job training programs and work experience educators teach teens about health and safety on the job in a fun and interesting way, it includes four main units and four alternative units intended for youth with cognitive disabilities. Each unit has learning objectives, teaching instructions, visual aids and student handouts. The curriculum includes a 10-minute videotape, “Teens: The Hazards We Face in the Workplace.”

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/occhealth/documents/worksafeworksmart.pdf>
<http://youngworkers.org/our-materials/teachers/>

Teens, Work and Safety: A Curriculum for High School Students

It includes separate lesson plans for use with three academic subjects—English, science and U.S. government—as well as lesson plans for use in any class. Each unit has learning objectives, teaching instructions, visual aids and student handouts. These units provide a way to present health and safety information while building academic skills appropriate to those particular subject areas.

<https://lohp.berkeley.edu/hs-curriculum/>

Teens Working in Agriculture: An ESL Curriculum for High School Students

It includes six lessons for use in ESL classes. The materials are similar to “Teens, Work and Safety” but present farm health and safety information while building language skills. It covers basic agricultural health and safety concepts and is designed to be incorporated into high school intermediate level ESL classes in rural communities.

Materials include a seven-minute videotape, “Teens Working in Agriculture,” learning objectives, vocabulary lists, teaching instructions, overheads and student handouts.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/occhealth/documents/worksafeworksmart.pdf>

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You can also visit https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh_publications/FactForEmployers.html.