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Keeping Young Workers in the Trades Safe: Health and Safety Resources from WorkSafeBC

Below is an important safety message from Skills Canada BC's partner, WorkSafeBC, providing health and safety resources to keep young workers in the trades safe.

Stay safe everyone!

Skills Canada BC Team

It's fall – and it looks quite a bit different than previous years. Some of you may be returning to classes as teachers, students, or administrators; others may be returning to the workplace after working from home over the summer. Whatever the case may be, workplace health and safety has perhaps never been more important.

WorkSafeBC is committed to helping you, whether you are a young worker in trades and technologies or someone who has influence over youth working in those areas.

We want to ensure you have the resources you need to create workplace health and safety knowledge and awareness among youth. And as always, we want to hear from you if you have ideas for resources so we can provide tools that meet your needs.

So whether it's learning about the pandemic and how to work safely in the current environment or learning more in general about job hazards and workplace rights and responsibilities, WorkSafeBC has a range of resources to support youth in trades.

Here are some of our more popular resources. Find more on the [educator section](#) and the [employer/supervisor section](#) of our website.

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- Pandemic resources, including resources for [staying safe at work](#) (how to prevent transmission of the disease and resources to assist with mental health during the pandemic), [what workers should do](#) (including the right to refuse work if there is an undue hazard), [what employers should do](#), [protocols for specific industries](#), and [general pandemic FAQs](#) (including employer obligations and what to do/know if someone becomes ill at work).
- [Student WorkSafe](#) – This package of resources helps educators embed health and safety into career and trades/technology education, with opportunities for students to think critically about workplace safety, and to relate workplace safety concepts to other areas of their lives — at school, at home, and in the community. There are resources for teachers and students and independent learners and activities are designed for a range of instructional settings. The package includes a [Workplace Safety Knowledge Test](#) and [Answer Key](#) to help assess student learning, and a [Workplace Safety Certificate](#) that teachers can print for students.
- [Safety presentations](#) – Educators and employers can have WorkSafeBC prevention officers or facilitators from the B.C. Fed Health & Safety Centre’s Alive After 5 program deliver presentations (virtually, in many cases) about workplace health and safety to youth.
- [Student Work Placement: Guide for assessing workplace health and safety](#) – This resource helps teachers assess the occupational health and safety conditions at potential student work placement locations and can be used during conversations with employers and/or during site visits.
- [Exposure Prevention Guides for educators and young workers](#) – These *Hidden Hazards in the Workplace* guides (one for teachers and one for young workers) raise awareness of the occupational exposure hazards that can put young workers at risk of injury and diseases

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- [Getting a Job](#) – This popular resource suggests questions that youth can ask about health and safety in job interviews and offers useful tips about how to address safety concerns when they arise on the job.
- [Rights and Responsibilities for New and Young Workers](#) – This is an online, self-paced, interactive, curriculum-based resource that helps new and young workers understand their health and safety rights and responsibilities in the workplace.
- [Young and new worker videos](#) – WorkSafeBC has a wide range of young worker oriented videos that can be used in the classroom to raise awareness among students about workplace health and safety. Among the most popular are winners of the [Student Safety Video Contest](#) (watch for an announcement of the next contest soon!), [Listen to your gut](#) campaign videos that support speaking up when something doesn't feel safe at work, a series of [hearing loss videos](#) focused on young workers (also see the new resource for hearing loss among young workers: [Listen up! How to Prevent Hearing Loss](#)), along with videos featuring real life stories of injured young workers, including the [Lost Youth video and discussion guide](#), the [Matthew Bowcott story](#), and the [Jack Thomas story](#).
- [Supervising for safety](#) – This is a free online course to help supervisors understand their responsibilities and be a champion for workplace health and safety.
- [6-Minute Safety Talks](#) – These are short talks that can be led by a teacher or employer on a wide range of health and safety topics. For each topic, there is an educator/employer resource and a student/young worker handout.
- [Support for employers: Training and orientation for young and new workers](#) – This resource outlines training and orientation topics that should be covered when new and young workers are hired and includes a checklist and suggested discussion points.



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- [Apprenticeship Programs](#) – This portal includes key resources that align with the Industry Training Authority curriculum to help apprentices get the information they need to work safely. The portal can be used by teachers/students at the secondary or post-secondary level.
- [Electronic Spot the Hazard challenge](#) – Try this game in the classroom or during a safety meeting to see if your students or young workers can identify workplace hazards in different industries.
- [What's wrong with this photo](#) – These are photos staged with various workplace hazards and dangerous work habits. Print these or show them online and have students/young workers identify what's wrong in each of the scenarios.
- [Keeping your kids safe at work: A guide for parents](#) – This resource is designed for parents to help them have a conversation about workplace health and safety with their children.
- WorkSafeBC's young worker campaigns: [Listen to your gut](#) (for young workers) and [What I know now](#) (for employers of young workers).

Last but not least: if you are interested in booking someone from WorkSafeBC's Young and New Worker team to present information about these resources and young worker health and safety in general, please contact [Robin Schooley](#), OHS Consultant in WorkSafeBC's OHS Consultation and Education Services department.

Thank you.

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