

Young Worker Awareness Program

Getting life-saving information into the hands of young workers



All workers have the right to a safe and healthy workplace, regardless of age, experience or workplace. Studies find workers on the job for less than one month reported four times as many injuries than those on the job for one year. Many of these new workers are young workers. Even more reason they need to know their health and safety rights from day one.

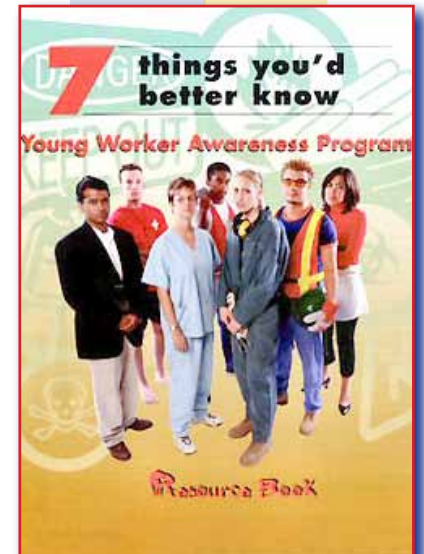
The Workers Health & Safety Centre (WHSC) is Ontario's government-designated health and safety training centre. We were among the first to communicate with young workers.

The WHSC and the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) first partnered in 1988 to develop occupational health and safety awareness resources and presentations for students. Together, we have reached hundreds of thousands of Ontario students with potentially life-saving information.

Learning objectives

Through these presentations, students learn about:

- 1 The increased risk of injury among workers new to the job
- 2 Workers' three basic health and safety rights: the right to know about hazards; the right to participate in solutions to properly address them; and the right to refuse unsafe work
- 3 Significant employer and supervisor legal duties including: the duty to take every reasonable precaution to protect the health and safety of workers; the duty to identify, assess and control workplace hazards; and the duty to inform and/or train workers about hazards and measures in place to safeguard their well-being
- 4 Legal responsibilities of other workplace parties including, joint health and safety committees, worker representatives and workers
- 5 Workplace hazards and how to identify them
- 6 How to report health and safety concerns to management and worker representatives
- 7 How to report work-related injuries.



Program reach

For many, these presentations offer a first exposure to workplace health and safety issues. The Young Worker Awareness Program (YWAP) is available for delivery in any Ontario high school. As demand often outstrips our delivery capacity, please contact us well in advance of your desired presentation date.

Book your YWAP presentation today.

Contact our YWAP Co-ordinator at mboehm@whsc.on.ca.

To learn more about the program and WHSC's commitment to young worker health and safety, visit the *For Young Workers* portion of our website — www.whsc.on.ca.

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