



MEMORANDUM TO: School Principals

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Minister of Education

Steve Peters
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Steve Mahoney, Chair
Workplace Safety and Insurance Board

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RE: Summer Job Safety

Summer is almost here and many students will soon start summer jobs. Help them stay safe – please share the enclosed Tip Sheet for Young Workers with your Grade 7 to 12 students. You may wish to distribute the Tip Sheets at an end-of-the-year event; attach them to report cards; or hand them out in class and ask students to think about safety in their summer jobs.

The partnership between educators and Ontario's Ministry of Labour, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, and the Ministry of Education has been an eight-year success story. We have worked together to embed safety learning expectations in the curriculum, provide classroom-ready resources, and create compelling social marketing. But it is the daily work of teachers, delivering safety lessons in the classroom, that has the greatest impact. With your help we have reduced lost time injuries to teenagers by 32% since 2000 and made Ontario the safest province in the country for young people to work.

Safety lessons, delivered by professional educators, prevent injuries and save lives. By sharing the tip sheets, you will help students to ask the right questions, know their legal rights and responsibilities, and stay safe on the job.

Thank you for your commitment to student well-being, and enjoy a safe summer.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne
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