

“Teacher’s Kit” Contents

What Teachers & Community Groups Can Do

- ✦ Teach about teen worker rights and responsibilities. Teachers and other school personnel can be valuable resources for teens navigating the work world for the first time.

Teaching Activities

- ✦ **New Activity: What Caused the Triangle Factory Tragedy?** This unit was prepared for the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, in which 146 workers—mainly young immigrant women—lost their lives. Students study this important historical event using primary sources, develop their own understanding and opinions of the root causes of this tragedy and the role of government, labor unions, public advocates in addressing it, and make links to contemporary workplace issues and ongoing efforts to promote safe workplaces.
- ✦ Link to “**Lost Youth: Four Stories of Injured Young Workers**” video and Discussion Guide. Four injured young workers speak candidly and emotionally about how workplace accidents changed their lives forever. Through accident re-enactments and interviews with the four young adults and their parents, “Lost Youth” explores what all young workers, employers, and parents can do to prevent other youth from being injured or killed in the workplace. The discussion guide was developed to provide background for viewing the video and suggestions for facilitating discussion and viewing. Pre-viewing by teachers strongly encouraged as much of the subject matter can be very graphic and disturbing. Two versions, one edited for language.
- ✦ **Previous Activities Online:** Don’t forget to look at the website, www.youngworkers.org, for great teaching activities from past years. Click on “Safe Jobs for Youth Month Resource Kit” to download these teaching instructions for free! These fun and engaging activities will teach teens important information about worker safety, from legal rights on the job to identifying hazards and solutions in the workplace.

Factsheets

- ✦ *Are You A Working Teen? & Facts for Employers* are easy-to-read factsheets that 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. There is also a sample article for employer newsletters at www.youngworkers.org.

Community Service Project Suggestions

- ✦ Many schools require community service hours. We have enclosed 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, www.youngworkers.org, for more information about the Academy, and to see all of the projects.

City Proclamation Template

- ✦ Have your students petition their City Council for a proclamation declaring May as “Safe Jobs for Youth Month”.

Tips for Parents with Working Teens

- ✦ Parents can play a critical role in protecting and supporting their own children at work. Distribute this tip sheet to parents in your program, or get it into your PTA newsletter. There is also a longer article for parent newsletters at www.youngworkers.org.

Order Forms

- ✦ Use these forms to request additional materials, including several factsheets and curricula that are available. Some materials are in Spanish.

Evaluation Form

- ✦ Please fill out and return this short questionnaire. We’d like to know how useful our materials are to teachers and community activists. When we receive your evaluation, we will send you your choice of 30 factsheets or three copies of the poster in appreciation.

Poster

- ✦ The 2011 Safe Jobs for Youth Month Poster features the winning artwork from this year’s statewide high school poster contest. Post it in schools, libraries, and community centers.

**All of these materials and more are downloadable at:
www.youngworkers.org
Click on “Safe Jobs for Youth Month”**