

Safe Work/Safe Workers

A Curriculum for Teaching High School Students About Occupational Safety and Health

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Lesson 1: Overview to the Problem of Teen Work Injuries (45 minutes)

The students watch and discuss the video, *Teens: The Hazards We Face in the Workplace*, which provides an introduction to workplace health and safety issues and rights on the job.

Lesson 2: Identifying Hazards on the Job (60 minutes)

After the class defines and brainstorms a list of workplace hazards, students work in small groups to draw a floor plan of a specific workplace, and “map” or identify potential hazards in that workplace.

Lesson 3: Controlling Hazards: Preventing Teen Work Injuries (45 minutes)

After a short lecture/discussion on how to control workplaces hazards, students play a “\$25,000 Safety Pyramid Game” in which they work in small groups to come up with as many ways as possible to prevent injuries in specific scenarios.

Lesson 4: Job Rights and Resources (45 minutes)

After presenting key information in the fact sheet on child labor laws and other rights on the job, students play a Bingo game in pairs to review the information and practice finding it in the fact sheet.

Lesson 5: Speaking Up About Workplace Health and Safety Problems (45 minutes)

Students develop and practice strategies for approaching supervisors about workplace problems by working in small groups to develop new endings to a skit that includes specific problems.

Overhead Masters

Student Handouts

Resources for More Information