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TEENS **Know Your Rights!**

ASK the question:

- Does the job involve any hazards, like working with chemicals, hot grease, high noise levels or heavy equipment? If so, will I be trained in what to do to prevent injuries?
- Is there safety gear I'll be expected to wear? If so, who provides it?
- What specific health and safety training will I get before starting work, and who's my supervisor?
- What are my health and safety responsibilities, and whom do I go to with safety concerns?
- If I'm hurt at work, what should I do? Who's the first aid person?

Follow safe work practices for your job, as directed by your employer and/or supervisor. Working safely may slow you down, but ignoring safe work procedures is a fast track to injury. There are hazards in every workplace, and recognizing and dealing with them correctly may save your life or prevent serious injury.



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Did you know the federal government reports that each year, approximately 67 adolescents die from injuries at work? Hundreds more are hospitalized, and tens of thousands require treatment in hospital emergency rooms. (NIOSH)

Did you know teens are killed at work most often on farms, construction sites and during robberies while tending retail establishments? (NIOSH)

Did you know state law states no one under the age of 18 can:

- work in construction or roofing?
- operate band saws or circular saws?
- paint a building from scaffolding?
- work with explosives?
- operate power-driven meat slicers, meat grinders or bakery equipment, including mixers?

Did you know agriculture is the most dangerous industry for young workers? Approximately 42% of the young workers killed from 1992-2000 lost their lives in farming jobs. More than half of these fatalities occurred on farms owned by the victims' families. (NIOSH)

Did you know that state labor laws limit the hours you can work?

Did you know the U.S. Public Health Service has a Healthy People 2010 objective to reduce youth emergency department injury rates to 3.4 injuries/100 full-time equivalents by 2010? The rate in 2003 was 4.4 injuries/100 full-time equivalents.