

# Live Safe! Work Smart!

Health and safety e-news for Ontario teachers

## Success Story: Health & Safety Homework

Recently a Ministry of Labour colleague shared a story about health and safety education and his personal experience as a parent. On the first day of Grade 9, his son Paul was assigned health and safety homework in science class. Emergency procedures and lab safety were discussed, and a WHMIS worksheet was given to the students to research and complete.

While guidance may be needed to direct students to the right resources in completing the homework, it shows, at a formative and memorable time in the life of a high school student, that health and safety is a top priority. This presents an opportunity for parental discussion, and allows teachers to show the importance of safety, whether in the science lab or on the job.

## Tish's Tips

Looking for health and safety homework ideas? Check out [our website](#) for great assignments and activities, including:

- Grade 9 WHMIS test
- [WorkSmartOntario](#) quizzes (including an online research “scavenger hunt” perfect for special needs students)
- [HS101](#) quiz (matching the HS101 module, great for Grades 7 - 10)
- [Passport to Safety](#) (Teen Challenge and Passport to Safety 101 for those with special learning needs)

## Time is Running Out! Live Safe! Work Smart! Teacher Survey

The *Live Safe! Work Smart!* team is looking for your help! Visit our website or click here to complete a short but comprehensive evaluation. Your feedback is tremendously important in helping us revise and possibly even create new resources. We believe the survey will help us learn more about the current realities of the educational community so that we can continue to meet your needs.

The usage, awareness and opinions that teachers have about the *Live Safe! Work Smart!* series of resources are important to us and help us direct our energies in continuing to serve you. The main goals of the evaluation process are as follows:

- determine where and how the program could improve
- assess usage of resources
- measure successes and program satisfaction
- learn what teachers' preferences are
- show how occupational health and safety is presented in the classroom
- understand teachers' perception of student retention and attitude change

The *Live Safe! Work Smart!* team is constantly working to meet emerging

needs, and provide the best possible support to you and other teachers in meeting the health and safety learning expectations in your courses. Your



feedback will help us grow, learn and improve what we offer!

The survey will take less than ten minutes to complete (in English or en français) and responses will be collected until December 19. Go to [www.livesafeworksmart.net](http://www.livesafeworksmart.net) and use the link at the top of the page to link to Survey Monkey. While you're there, check out our Live Safe! Work Smart! resources, classroom activities, free resources, and links to other great young worker health and safety programs.



## Bright Idea

Parent/teacher interviews coming up? Why not attach some of the Ministry of Labour's tip sheets for parents and young workers to report cards, or hand them out that night? They can be downloaded for free from the [Ministry of Labour website](#).

**We welcome your thoughts, comments and suggestions for future newsletters at 416-326-8561 or [info@livesafeworksmart.net](mailto:info@livesafeworksmart.net).**

## Links

- [www.passporttosafety.com](http://www.passporttosafety.com)
- [www.prevent-it.ca](http://www.prevent-it.ca)
- [www.labour.gov.on.ca](http://www.labour.gov.on.ca)
- [www.livesafeworksmart.net](http://www.livesafeworksmart.net)