

Live Safe! Work Smart!

Health and safety e-news for Ontario teachers

? You Asked Us

Q: I have heard that there is a new Passport to Safety test. Is this the case and how is it different?

A. Based on the original Passport to Safety test and the Live Safe! Work Smart! resources for teachers of students with special learning needs, the new Passport to Safety 101 will complement existing resources and will benefit students who require an alternative learning/testing approach.

This test is built on the same health and safety learning expectations as the original Passport to Safety test, but it uses images and plain language to confirm a participant's health and safety knowledge. The test is comprehensive but very straightforward, using images and simple wording to reinforce concepts. As the test is online, participants will be able to advance at their own pace, engaging in independent, continuous and process-oriented learning.

Here's a sample question:

Choose the safest way to carry things at work:



Tish's Tips

As students gear up for summer jobs, download "Tip Sheets for Young Workers" from our livesafeworksmart.net website, to help students **L.E.A.R.N** the basics of workplace safety:

- L.** Learn to do the job safely
- E.** Evaluate health and safety conditions
- A.** Ask! Ask! Ask!
- R.** Report injuries
- N.** No! Say it if a job appears unsafe

Live Safe! Work Smart! K - 8 Resource

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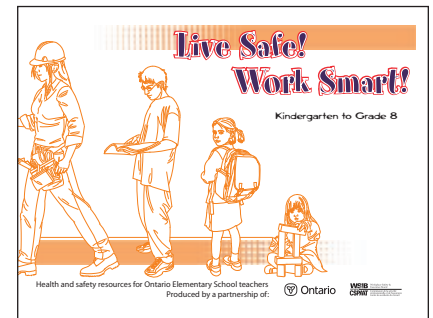
Coming this fall! The Live Safe! Work Smart! elementary resource will be rolled out in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, to elementary teachers who deliver K to Grade 8 curriculum, for the 2007/08 school year. (There may even be some great ideas that secondary teachers can use in their high school classes!)

Teaching health and safety in secondary classrooms in Ontario has made a difference in preventing needless injuries. The elementary resource, which will be in print and CD format, will provide lessons and activities that emphasize the fundamentals of health and safety for students at home, school, work, while volunteering, and play.

Topics include backpack safety, hearing (check out the links below on hearing), electricity, germs, working with chemicals, and avoiding sprains and strains. Students learn basic health and safety concepts while developing a diverse range of skills in various subject areas.

Activities match curriculum expectations and provide opportunities to work towards skills addressed in programs such as Choices into Action, Think Literacy, and Student Success. Live Safe! Work Smart! provides lessons to prepare students for the more advanced safety

concepts introduced in the secondary school curriculum, which are supported by the the Live Safe! Work Smart! Grade 9 to 12 resources.



With this new resource, elementary students will be provided with essential safety skills, and knowledge of their rights and responsibilities where safety is concerned in preparation for secondary school, and life.

Let's provide our students with the exhilarating prospect of seeing the world of work, and support their "learning by doing", in a safe manner. With the help of the new elementary resource, our students will be better prepared to move from the predictability of the classroom to the unpredictability of new learning outside the classroom.



Bright Idea

In order to be well-prepared for any experiential learning program, students can create a chart with the following headings to "think through" important elements of the activity, assignment or job they will be doing:

Task - Equipment - Safety Aspects - My Responsibilities

We welcome your thoughts, comments and suggestions for future newsletters at 416 326 8561 or info@livesafeworksmart.net.

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