

Live Safe! Work Smart!

Health and safety e-news for Ontario teachers

? YOU ASKED US

Q: Does an employer have to provide WHMIS training if a WHMIS certificate has been earned at school?

A: Yes, if a worker is “exposed or likely to be exposed” to a WHMIS controlled product. An “exposed worker” may be a worker who stores, handles, uses or disposes of a controlled product, or who supervises another worker performing these activities. Exposure may occur during regular work activities, maintenance operations or emergency situations such as an accidental leak or spill.

Generic instruction on WHMIS is acceptable as a preliminary stage of instruction in a multi-stage instruction program.

Preliminary, generic instruction should include instruction in:

- content of supplier and workplace labels and material safety data sheets including WHMIS symbols,
- how WHMIS works,
- hazards associated with groups of products with similar properties,
- general work procedures for groups of products where the procedures are basically the same for all the products in the groups.

If generic instruction is provided in school, it is expected that there will also be on-site instruction provided by the employer in specific products, hazards and safe work procedures.

For more information please see the Ministry of Labour’s [WHMIS guide](#).

TISH’S TIPS

Game questions and answers for the *Interactive Safety Quiz Game* featured on page 48 of the *Live Safe! Work Smart!* resource for cooperative education are posted at:

www.ewhitgames.com/MCJeopardy/Overview.html

Live Safe! Work Smart! Resource for Cooperative Education and Other Forms of Experiential Learning

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A completely revised and refreshed *Live Safe! Work Smart!* for cooperative education was released in April 2008 featuring:

- Minimum ages to be in a workplace
- Placement assessment guidance material
- Assistance to address Ministry of Education safety-related learning expectations in the cooperative education policy document
- Suggestions for final preparations before students head out to their placements
- Suggestions for safety-related activities during integration sessions
- Classroom activities, tests and quizzes and access to videos
- And much more!

Not just for cooperative education...



More than 20 safety-related classroom activities are provided in the resource that can be used as they are or adapted to support safety education in

a variety of secondary, elementary and special needs classrooms.

Games, test questions, interactive assignments and more are there for any teacher to use.



Classroom activity: spot the hazard

Download your free copy at:

www.livesafeworksmart.net/english/coop/coop_appdx.htm



BRIGHT IDEA

Check out the new, refreshed Passport to Safety web site and the NEW test! Not only is it more engaging for your students, it has new features for you too! Look in the *Teacher Zone* to find:

- Easy to download, free videos you can use in your classroom. “True Stories” has been very popular among teachers.
- A new system that easily identifies if you have any unused student PIN numbers and passwords to help you manage the tests you’ve ordered.
- The NEW *Passport to Safety Advanced Leaders Challenge* ...still free for teachers.

Same web address: www.PassporttoSafety.com

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