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## For Parents: Safety for Young Workers

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Here are five questions to ask your school about policies and programs that affect young workers:

- Do teachers or others who sign work permits for students know the relevant federal and state child labor laws?
- Do the school's vocational training or work- study programs include lessons on worker safety?
- Are students taught their rights concerning a safe workplace?
- Do the in-school “shop” classes or other industrial arts programs model good safety practices – checking regularly on safe electrical wiring, proper storage of chemicals, and training in the use of safety equipment?
- In work-study programs, what are the school's expectations about safe working conditions at the job site? Does the school discuss these expectations with employers?

See Parents Resource Center at: <http://healthinschools.org/Educators-and-Families/Parents.aspx>

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