

Reducing injury risk of students in vocational-technical schools and young workers in small businesses

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NIOSH estimates that in USA each year 200,000 adolescent workers suffer work-related injuries. Many States mandate that vocational schools and small businesses have safety and health programs, conduct hazard analysis, and do safety inspections, maintenance, and comply with safety, health, and environmental regulations. To address these needs, NIOSH has taken a leading role to reduce injury risk by increasing safety and health awareness and safety education of vocational school students, teachers, administrators, and small businesses owners. NIOSH in conjunction with Environmental Occupational Health Sciences Institute of NJ developed an occupational and environmental safety checklists program. This program contains instructions on how to establish, implement, and maintain an occupational safety, health, and environmental program within the school and small business. It is comprised of over 80 safety checklists that cover occupational and environmental hazards found at schools and especially in the shops and small businesses. The program helps the user prepare for and participate in OSHA- and EPA-type compliance inspections. It enables the users of the checklists to identify occupational safety and health and environmental hazards and areas that need improvement. It can be utilized by the teachers, students and young workers to help them learn about government regulations pertinent to their shop and workplace. The program provides technical assistance, resources, and guidance to ensure that the school is in compliance with occupational safety and health and environmental

regulations. The document will soon be available as a CD-ROM and on the NIOSH web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/NIOSH>. For free copies of the CD-ROM call 1-800-356-4674.

- OSHA eProducts: Using Technology for Compliance Assistance and Training. *Rhett Thomas, BS, USA. Coauthor: Bob Curtis*
- Academic Preparation for ISO 14001. *Linda D. Lee, MS, REM, USA.*

Video and Risk Communication-Lessons Learned

Calhoun Room

Cabana Level, South

Moderator: *Rob Nicholas, MA, USA*

- Video Lessons Learned for Reaching Specific Stakeholders and a Wide Audience. *Rob Nicholas, MA, USA*
- Tell Me A Story: Using Narrative to Teach Miners. *Elaine T. Cullen, BA, MBA, CMSP, USA*
- Lessons Learned from Working with Communities to Improve Risk Communication within the Superfund Program. *Jayne Michaud, MPH, USA*

Young Workers At Risk

Lincoln Room

Cabana Level, South

Moderator: *Linda McCauley, RN, PhD, FAAN, USA*

- Reducing Injury Risk of Students in Vocational-Technical Schools and Young Workers in Small Business. *John Palassis, CIH, CSP, CHMM, USA. Coauthor: Marie Haring Sweeney, PhD*
- Getting the Training They Need: Worker Training for Adolescent Migrant Farmworkers. *Linda McCauley, RN, PhD, FAAN, USA. Coauthor: D. Sticker; J. Scherer; M. Lasarev; K. Anger*
- Assessment of Sight and Hearing Protection Use in High School Vocational, Technical and Industrial Education Programs. *John M. Williams, Sr., MD, MPH, USA. Coauthor: David H. Garabrant, MD, MPH*
- Best Practices in Agricultural Safety Education for Teenagers. *Deborah Reed, RN, PhD, USA. Coauthor: Pam S. Kidd, PhD, FAAN*

11:20-12 pm Plenary Session:
International Ballroom 'D'
Lobby Level

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