

SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

A RESOURCE LIST FOR SCHOOLS



The Health and Safety Authority has produced this resource list as an aid to all those working in schools and to young people learning about workplace safety and health.

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The Health and Safety Authority is continuously working to improve safety and health awareness in the education sector. This resource list provides information on current safety and health resources for schools and where to access this information.

Safety and Health Resources:

1 Choose Safety Programme

Choose Safety is a free educational programme for Transition Year and Senior Cycle students to introduce them to the principles of workplace safety and health. The programme is particularly useful for students who engage in work experience during the school year. This 20 hour programme may be taught over the school year or condensed to suit the timetable arrangements in your school.

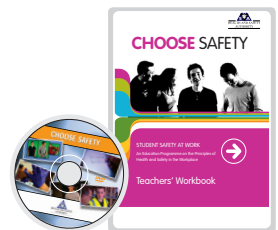
Teachers may select sections of the programme that best suit their students. The Education pack includes the following:

- Detailed lesson plans
- Student text/workbook
- Teacher's notes
- A DVD to complement the lessons

Schools who wish to receive free student and teacher copies of the 'Choose Safety' pack should contact:

Kilkenny Education Centre:
Tel: 056 7760200
Fax: 056 7760250
E-mail: kecsec@eircom.net

Further details on the 'Choose Safety programme' are available on <http://www.hsa.ie/education>



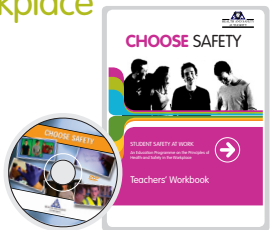
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Transition Unit - Student Safety in the Workplace

The Transition Unit is a free educational programme for Transition Year and other Senior Cycle students to introduce them to the principles of workplace safety and health. The 45 hour programme will prepare students for the world of work and is particularly relevant for those undertaking work experience. The Transition Unit includes the 6 learning modules from the Choose Safety programme but expands on this with the addition of an e-learning module.

The programme is fully ratified by the National Council for Curriculum Assessment (NCCA).

Full details are available on <http://www.hsa.ie/education>



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E-learning

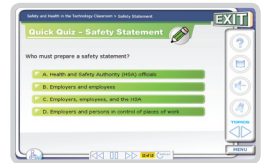
The Health and Safety Authority has developed 5 e-learning courses. These courses will enhance learners understanding of safety, health and welfare matters in the workplace.

The suite of courses includes:

- An Introduction to Managing Safety and Health in Schools
- Safety and Health for Teachers of Technology Subjects
- Safety and Health for Teachers of Science Subjects
- Get Safe - Work Safe: Workplace Safety and Health for Senior Cycle Students
- Safety and Health in Construction (Third Level Students of Construction and Related Disciplines)

These courses were developed with e-learning company ALISON and are available free of charge and on a twenty four hour basis over the internet.

Further details including access to the courseware is available on <http://www.alison.com/hsa>



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Educational Games

'Haphazard' is an educational software game for post-primary students specifically based around workplace scenarios. The game is aimed at Transition Year, Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational students and focuses on preparation for the world of work and/or work experience.

Further details on 'Haphazard' are available on <http://www.hsa.ie/education>



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Spirit of Enterprise

'Spirit of Enterprise' is a multi-media teaching and learning resource for enterprise education. The resource is produced by AG Education Services for post-primary schools. Each year the Health and Safety Authority develops a case study for inclusion in 'Spirit of Enterprise'. This case study enables young people to learn more about workplace safety and health matters, particularly those affecting young and inexperienced workers.

Further details on 'Spirit of Enterprise' are available on <http://www.hsa.ie/education> and <http://www.soe.ie>



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Safety and Health In-Service Training for Teachers

The Health and Safety Authority has a tutor panel in place for providing safety and health courses through the Education Centres.

Please contact your local [Education Centre](#) for more details.



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Publications:

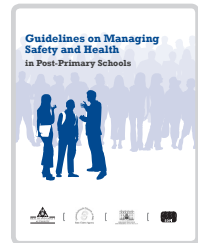
These publications are downloadable free of charge from <http://www.hsa.ie>

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Guidelines on Managing Safety and Health in Post Primary Schools (2010)

The Guidelines can be used by schools to draft their own safety statement. Schools can also carry out risk assessments applicable to their school by selecting from over 70 pre-prepared risk assessment templates contained in the Guidelines. This document is available to download from the Health and Safety Authority's website and will assist schools in complying with legislation.

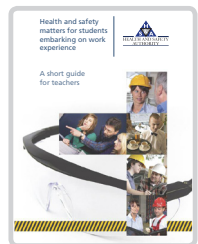
The Guidelines have been prepared by the Department of Education and Skills, the Health and Safety Authority, the State Claims Agency and the School Development Planning Initiative.



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Health and Safety Matters for Students Embarking on Work Experience (2008)

This guide will assist teachers in preparing their students for the safety and health aspect of their work experience programme. It offers practical information and advice on workplace safety and health that can be taught and discussed with students in the classroom before they begin work experience.



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