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Keeping Young Workers Safe

Occupational Injuries and Deaths Among Younger Workers — United States, 1998–2007

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Many young people have jobs that place them at increased risk for injury. Work experience is valuable for young people, but without appropriate training, some jobs can be hazardous. During a recent 10-year period, nearly eight million injuries and more than fifty seven hundred deaths occurred among people aged 15 to 24 while on the job.

Businesses need to consistently pursue injury-prevention efforts, and young workers need to be aware of the potential risks in their job, be careful, and follow safety guidelines. Make sure that work pays for a date to the movies, not a trip to the emergency room.

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