

Lesson 5 – Worker Safety and Responsibilities

Work Safe Saskatchewan

Safety Lesson <http://www.worksafesask.ca/youth/rights-responsibilities/>

Site includes information on – Rights and Responsibilities, Tips for new workers, Tips for Parents, and a Teacher's section.

Know Your Rights

While on the job, your basic rights include:

- The right to know the hazards and what to do to prevent injuries from those hazards.
- The right to participate in health and safety activities in your workplace.
- The right to refuse work that you believe to be unusually dangerous to yourself or others.

Know Your Responsibilities

If you are a young worker aged 14 or 15, you must successfully complete the online **Young Worker Readiness Certificate Course** and provide a copy of your certificate to your employer.

Whatever your age, your responsibilities while on the job include:

- The responsibility to work safely. Use the machinery and equipment in the way you were trained.
- The responsibility to report unsafe activities and conditions to your supervisor. Ask questions if you are unsure how to do something safely.
- The responsibility to properly use or wear protective equipment. Never remove a guard or device that's there to protect you.

Remember to always wear safety gear. **It's the law!**

PPE – Personal Protection Equipment

Examples:

- Steel-toed boots
- High visibility vest
- Safety glasses
- Hard hat