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Labor Urges Workplace Safety for Teens as Summer Work Begins

JUNEAU—With Alaska's summer hiring season here, the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development is urging teens, parents and employers to focus on providing safe workplaces for young workers.

"We want to ensure that young workers are in age-appropriate jobs," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "We're asking employers to also focus on safety training to keep workplaces safe for Alaska's teens."

Information to help teens between 14 and 17 increase their chances of gaining a summer job, shorten their job search and keep them safe is available online at Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/childlaw.htm. The site provides information by age group about employment restrictions and job restrictions such as the number of hours teens are allowed to work.

"A work permit is required before starting work," said Joy Hartlieb, one of the Department of Labor's wage and hour investigators. "Both the employer and the teen fill out a portion of the work permit, which must be approved by the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Administration, either in person or by fax."

Work permit applications are available online at: Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/forms/workpmit.pdf.

The department's Labor Standards and Safety Division presents workshops on summer youth safety and employment through schools across Alaska during the school year, but "we also want parents to have a source for the information, which is available online," said Nathan Menah, who heads the safety youth training program. "We want both teens and parents to ask about hazardous situations and for training on any tasks that teens are asked to perform."

For more information call Labor Standards and Safety toll free at (800)656-4972, go online at Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/contacts.htm or call or email one of the offices listed below.

Anchorage	(907) 269-4900	Anchorage.LSS-WH@alaska.gov
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Alaska Child Labor Laws & Rights

Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/childlaw.htm

Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/rights.htm

Alaska Youth Work Permit

Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/forms/workpmit.pdf

Alaska Occupational Safety and Health

Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/oshhome.htm

Labor Standards and Safety Division

Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/home.htm