

# KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE IN THEIR FIRST JOB

## BACKGROUND

- Working at an ice packing plant was Mallory's first job. She was **14** and wanted to earn money for church camp.
- When Mallory tried to grab a bag of ice one afternoon her **arm got trapped in the auger**. That day Mallory lost muscle in both arms, sustaining **an injury she will have for the rest of her life**.

## AMERICA'S YOUTH ON THE CLOCK

- Mallory's injury is not uncommon. **Young workers are more likely to be hurt at work than older workers**.
- In addition to factories, teens in America work with **hot ovens, farm equipment, and sharp landscaping tools** – all of which can be dangerous without proper training and oversight.



## TRAINING HOW TO AVOID INJURY

- The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) publishes the **Youth@Work-Talking Safety**, a **free curriculum to teach young people to look out for hazards in the workplace**, think about **solutions** to address hazards and **how to speak up** when there is a problem with health and safety on the job. The curriculum was designed by the Labor Occupational Health Program at UC Berkeley.

## YOUTH@WORK

States mandate that schools use this curriculum to teach in work experience classes in high schools across the country.

The Youth@Work curriculum trains **thousands of teachers** in states across the country so they can use this curriculum, **saving teens lives**.

To access the training you can go to <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/talkingsafety/default.html> and then click on your state to access the state-specific curriculum.

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