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Indiana Department of Labor Launches Teen Summer Safety Campaign

Indianapolis, IN June 8, 2009 – The Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) is launching a Teen Worker Summer Safety Campaign. The campaign is aimed at educating and informing Hoosier employers, teens and parents on occupational safety and health hazards and Indiana’s Child Labor Laws and will include a series of informative bi-weekly press releases.

Employment can be a valuable experience for teens, as it provides them an opportunity to learn important job skills, explore future careers and enhance their academic experience. Across the nation, however, 215 teen workers, ages 17 and younger, have been killed in the workplace since 2003. During this same time period, more than 38,000 teens suffered serious and severe injuries as a result of workplace accidents.

Regardless of where teens are employed—in a restaurant or market, in an office or at a park, it is the mission of the IDOL to prevent work-related injuries, illnesses and fatalities. To better accomplish this mission, the following topics will be covered in the press release series:

- Work Permits and Teen Hour Restrictions
- Prohibited and Hazardous Occupations for Teen Workers
- Workplace Safety and Health Principles
- Common Workplace Hazards in an Outdoor Environment
- Common Workplace Hazards in a Restaurant or Retail Setting

In addition to these outreach efforts, INSafe, the IDOL’s occupational safety and health consultation division and the Indiana Bureau of Child Labor have developed two educational videos. The videos serve as great resources for employers, teens and parents. The Bureau of Child Labor’s video provides information on work permits, hour restrictions and prohibited and hazardous occupations. INSafe’s video educates inexperienced employees about worker safety and health.

Videos provided by the IDOL may be found at www.in.gov/dol and by clicking on the “Publications” link. The videos are listed under the heading, “Indiana Department of Labor Videos.”

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