

DEAR TEACHER

I will never forget the devastating impact on my son Sean's teachers when he died on a part-time job during the school year. Sean's 12th grade Native Studies teacher vowed she would never let another student go through her classroom without learning about occupational health and safety.

I am encouraged that education systems in a number of jurisdictions across Canada now agree with her view. It is only a matter of time until the rest join in. I respect the wonderful job now being done by teachers across this country working to equip young people with basic health and safety knowledge. What commits me so firmly to Passport to Safety is that it is designed to reinforce your work, to ensure the information you are sharing is supported and encouraged at home and work.



Passport to Safety is a national health and safety awareness program that aims to revolutionize thinking among youth by supporting and encouraging training required to eliminate needless workplace injuries and deaths. Passport transcript holders possess basic knowledge to help say no to unsafe work, insist on job-specific training and exercise their rights and responsibilities at work.

Through Passport to Safety your students challenge an on-line, no-fail "test". The health and safety knowledge needed can come from a variety of sources, including but not limited to:

- Classroom lessons
- External training providers
- Work and life experience
- Self-study

The Passport to Safety testing system makes the participant work through a series of questions and review on-line materials to reinforce topics they may not be familiar with until they come through with a 100% pass. For those with sufficient knowledge the test should take no longer than one half hour. For others the process may take longer but they can leave the test and continue another time.

When students complete the test they receive a nationally recognized safety transcript that documents their achievement in the Passport to Safety program. The transcript can then be submitted with their job resume. This transcript can be updated on-line by the Passport to Safety holder allowing them to add other safety-related credits such as first aid, CPR, safe boating, driving, swimming and similar courses.

Employers are also becoming Passport to Safety members. They will be asking youth for their Passport to Safety transcripts. Potential employers will be impressed by the students' commitment to health and safety. Holding a Passport to Safety transcript can help youth get a job - a safe job.

We appreciate your support of Passport to Safety as a learning tool for your students. Please contact info@passporttosafety.com if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Kells', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul Kells

Remember! Job specific training is always required.