

Hey,

My name is Candace and I'm writing this letter to you because I know something that may save your life. Every day three Canadians die from work-related injuries. Young people just like you and your friends are part of that statistic and if help hadn't arrived in time I would have been a part of it too.

I was a cheerleader in high school and had been a dancer for ten years. I had a life that was void of tragedy. In 1999 on the day that changed my life, I was working for the third summer at a paper mill to make money to finish my psychology degree.



That day, a day like any other, I walked into the paper mill and I never walked out. In fact I never walked with my own two legs again. Work was going as normal until I crossed the floor taking a shortcut over a moving conveyor belt - a route commonly used by co-workers, supervisors and visitors alike.

While crossing the belt my left foot got caught in the conveyor system. There was no emergency stop so it kept hauling my foot in further and further until a man heard me screaming and stopped the belt, saving my life. I was stuck in the system for 30 minutes before a maintenance crew could free me.

That step on the conveyor belt was the last step my left foot would ever take. It was crushed beyond repair and my leg was amputated below the knee.

Unfortunately, this story isn't unique. Young people just like you and me are losing limbs and life while working at their part-time and full-time jobs. These injuries and fatalities are happening at all different types of workplaces.

I don't want what happened to me and many other innocent youth to happen to you and I am happy to tell you about a program we have started to help make sure it does not.

It's called Passport to Safety and it could save the lives of you and your friends. Check it out at www.passporttosafety.com.

See ya'

Candace