UTAH OSHA CONSULTATION PRESS RELEASE

The Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division announces a new important Consultation Emphasis Program for youth job safety:

"2008 TEEN WORKER JOB SAFETY CAMPAIGN"

Every year about 70 teens die from work injuries in the United States. Another 70,000 get hurt badly enough that they go to a hospital emergency room. Utah OSHA Consultation Program is working to launch a state wide campaign to increase awareness of the importance of ***Teen Summer Job Safety.***

UOSH Consultation is working with business associations in industries that typically hire teenage workers in an effort to eliminate work related injury and illness through awareness, education, and outreach.

Why do these injuries occur? Teens are often injured on the job due to unsafe equipment, stressful conditions, and speed-up. Also teens may not receive adequate safety training and supervision. A teen is much more likely to be injured when working on jobs that they are not allowed to do by law.

If you are a teen or the parent of a teen getting ready to enter the workforce, you should know the answer to questions such as:

- *WHAT HAZARDS SHOULD I WATCH OUT FOR?*
- *COULD I GET HURT OR SICK ON THE JOB?*
- *WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS ON THE JOB?*
- *WHAT ARE MY SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE JOB?*
- *IS IT OK TO DO ANY KIND OF WORK AT MY AGE?*
- *SHOULD I BE WORKING THIS LATE OR THIS LONG?*
- *WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFETY ON THE JOB?*

Join our statewide campaign to protect teen workers in Utah and eliminate injuries and illness through increased awareness of the importance of safety on the job for teen summer workers!

For more information:

- Visit our website at http://uosh.utah.gov or contact Kate McNeill, UOSH Consultation Manager at (801)530-6855.
- Visit NIOSH's Young Worker Safety and Health Page
- Visit the Department of Labor's Youth Rules page

UOSH is committed to the safety and health of the working men, women and teens in our beautiful state of Utah. Their future is our future.