

### Introductory Discussion Questions– Workplace Safety

An introductory discussion with the students might be beneficial in terms of drawing out from them their own experiences within the workplace from the part time jobs that many of them would likely have. Most would likely have to follow some sort of safety procedure or guideline within their workplace; these could be shared within this discussion in order to demonstrate to students the fact that they already have some experience with workplace safety, and to begin to point out the variety of workplace safety procedures that are present within different workplaces.

Below is a list of guide questions that you may want to use to initiate this discussion.

1. What sorts of part time jobs do you have? What type of work does this involve (eg. handling food, construction, cleaning)?
2. What is your workplace like? Do you work outdoors, in a kitchen, in a garage, in a factory setting?
3. Are there any tasks that you do that can present a risk to your health or safety (eg. heavy lifting, using a ladder, exposure to chemicals, working with heat or fire)?
4. Are there any tasks that you do that, if not done properly, can pose a health or safety risk to co-workers, clients, or customers (eg. handling or disposing of food, handling or disposing of chemicals)
5. What types clothing or protective equipment do you wear to
  - a. Protect you from injury?
  - b. Prevent the spread of germs or disease?
6. What sorts of safety procedures do you follow to
  - a. Protect you from injury?
  - b. Prevent the spread of germs or disease?
7. Have you ever been involved with or witnessed a workplace accident? If so, what could have been done to prevent it, and how was the accident dealt with?