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Yukon Employers Highlighted for Joining Passport to Safety

Several Yukon employers are being showcased for their commitment to young worker safety. "Young Workers - Their Safety is Your Business" is the message of an advertising campaign that kicks off today.

The campaign features Yukon employers who have joined Passport to Safety, a national program that takes young workers through an online workplace safety test, providing basic knowledge of common workplace hazards.

"Congratulations to employers who've joined Passport to Safety," said Craig Tuton, Chair of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board. "It's important we highlight their efforts, because they've shown commitment to keeping kids safe at work. We hope many other employers will do the same."

Yukon employers who have joined Passport to Safety so far include the City of Whitehorse, the Village of Mayo, Yukon College, Duncan's Ltd. and the Gold Rush Inn.

Passport to Safety was launched because workers under 25 face a high risk of workplace injury. Young people are inexperienced, hesitant to ask questions, often not trained or supervised sufficiently, and unaware of common workplace hazards.

The YWCHSB has offered to cover the cost of all young workers who join and provide special recognition materials.

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