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More Employers Join *Passport to Safety* for Young Workers

The number of Yukon *Passport to Safety* employers has doubled from six to 12 since fall – showing there is growing commitment to the safety of workers under 25. The employers cover a range of industries: hospitality, construction, recycling and transportation, to name a few.

“When many young people are being hired for summer work, it’s more important than ever to be aware of the need to prevent work-related illnesses and injuries in youth,” said Craig Tuton, Chair of the Yukon Workers’ Compensation Health and Safety Board.

“We applaud the Yukon employers who have joined *Passport to Safety*. They are demonstrating a commitment to the safety of their most vulnerable employees. We encourage other employers to take the same step.”

Passport to Safety is a national online program that takes young workers through a workplace safety test, providing basic knowledge of common workplace hazards. It does not replace specific workplace safety training that is required for every employee.

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

Passport to Safety employers, and their young workers, are featured in an advertising campaign taking place throughout May called: “It’s happening! Be part of it.”

Yukon *Passport to Safety* employers:

- Yukon College
- Yukon Energy Corporation
- City of Whitehorse
- Village of Mayo
- Duncan's Limited
- Gold Rush Inn
- Trans North Helicopters
- Raven Recycling
- Skookum Asphalt
- Westmark Whitehorse
- Skills Canada Yukon
- Yukon Workers' Compensation Health & Safety Board

To find out more, or to become a *Passport to Safety* employer, call 867 667 5450, toll free 1 800 661 0443, Ext. 5450 or e-mail worksafe@gov.yk.ca.

Passport to Safety is just one of the YWCHSB's prevention initiatives. The YWCHSB is currently consulting workers, employers and the public on how we can all work together to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses. For more information on the *Working Together on Prevention* consultation, check the YWCHSB Web site at www.wcb.yk.ca or e-mail wcbconsultation@gov.yk.ca. The deadline for feedback is June 24, 2005.

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