

## Passport to Safety (P2S)

is an international health and safety awareness programme which originated in Canada before being adapted to NZ conditions. **P2S** revolutionises thinking and practice among youth by supporting and encouraging training required to eliminate needless workplace injuries and deaths. The **P2S** programme is **NOT** designed to replace employer-based induction programmes.



### Vision

To live in a world in which young people come home healthy and safe at the end of each day.

### Mission

To help eliminate needless injuries & preventable deaths of young New Zealanders aged 24 and under.

### Analysis of New Zealand (NZ) young people's workplace injury data:

- ⇒ The incidence of workplace injuries is higher in NZ than in Australia for 15-24 year olds;
- ⇒ Injuries at work kill more than one person in NZ every week;
- ⇒ Young people are three times more likely to be injured at work than adults;
- ⇒ Males are more than twice as likely to experience workplace injuries than females involving a claim to ACC;
- ⇒ Each year almost 6000 15-24 year olds need more than a week off work because they have been injured at work;
- ⇒ Countless others receive treatment for an injury at ED & GP clinics; and
- ⇒ Across all age-groups, the social & economic cost of workplace injuries is high.



## What is P2S?

- A web-based, self-paced learning & test programme aimed at young people who are preparing to enter the workforce for the first time.
- Can be taken on an individual basis or as part of a co-ordinated approach through schools or workplaces.
- Programme highlights individual's rights and responsibilities regarding safety in the workplace.
- It is a method by which to address the issues of identification of hazardous situations, generic handling and ergonomic requirements.
- Successful participants are awarded a "**Passport to Safety**" certificate that demonstrates their basic awareness of workplace health & safety.
- Employers, businesses & communities can support this culture of safety by encouraging young employees to participate in this baseline training before acquiring a position with their organisation.
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**Remember! Job specific training will always also be required.**

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ), is a visible national champion for the promotion of safety and injury prevention. Through the International Safe Communities Network, SCFNZ has established a strong relationship with the Safe Communities Foundation of Canada (SCF) which has resulted in the SCFNZ securing the rights to distribute SCF's successful **P2S** programme in NZ.



## The P2S Programme:

- Provides a unique learning environment, for students exploring and challenging themselves on health and safety issues in the workplace;
- Focuses on improving health & safety outcomes for young people;

**P2S supports the vision that young people enter and then return home from, safe workplaces every day.**

- Contains six modules each including: Employer Responsibilities; Worker Rights/Responsibilities; Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO); The Five Hazards (physical, ergonomic, chemical, psychosocial, biological); Health and Safety in the Workplace; and Controlling Workplace Hazards;
- Students are faced with questions that challenge them and are based on a variety of experiences, for example-school lessons and work experience;



- Enables students to complete the programme at school or work-sites through the issuing of a personal log-on & password; and
- Delivers a no-fail test – if an incorrect answer is chosen, the student is presented with information to read and is re-tested.

**Safety knowledge gained through participation in P2S could be incorporated into home; sporting & travelling environments, thus enhancing the possibility of NZ becoming injury free.**

## Why P2S is needed

Do you remember when you helped your children cross the road - held hands, looked both ways, waited for the right signal, stuck out your arms and took no chances?

Or what about your 16-year-old getting behind the wheel of a car - lots of training and practice first, learning the signs and the laws and becoming aware of the hazards?

Why do so many of us not understand that young people face a whole new set of risks when they go to work? Do they know the signs, the laws, the rules and the most common hazards before they even go through the front door of a workplace?



Injury prevention is a cultural shift in ideas & practices. To achieve change, a range of strategies & environments must be addressed. SCFNZ believes that uniting all sectors of the community, including business, will create a synergy and momentum that is likely to have a greater impact on the injury burden.

### **P2S is evidence-based**

**P2S** programme, is the only programme which has produced positive outcomes in relation to reductions in rates of workplace death & injury. For example, in Canada, a marked reduction in fatalities & injuries of young workers under 19 years has been evident, including:

- **80%** reduction in fatal injuries;
- **24%** reduction in lost time due to injury; &
- **12%** drop in total injuries.

**P2S gives young people the knowledge to know what questions to ask to keep them safe at work!**

*Think Safe* *Feel Safe* *Act Safe* *Be Safe*

## Benefits of improved safety for:

### **Children, young people and families/whanau:**

- ⇒ Continued quality of life;
- ⇒ Ongoing participation in school, work, play, sport, leisure, and educational activities;
- ⇒ Increase in academic scores; and
- ⇒ Preservation of future incomes and assets.

### **Schools, organisations and business:**

- ⇒ Minimising disruption to school operations;
- ⇒ Increased learning outcomes and productivity;
- ⇒ Retention of valued staff; and
- ⇒ Reduced ACC levies.

### **The wider community:**

- ⇒ Safer, happier and more productive children, young people and populations; and
- ⇒ Decreased demands on the healthcare system.



### **How to get started?**

1. Contact SCFNZ to **discuss** how **P2S** fits within your existing curriculum or health and safety programme;
2. Appoint a **facilitator** to coordinate **P2S** within your school/workplace;
3. Passports cost \$10 per person, **funding options are available** please contact SCFNZ;
4. Attend a short interactive computer **training session** on running the **P2S** programme; and
5. **Commence** the programme with your students/young workers.

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Setting the Standard

To improve workplace safety for youth



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**Certifying Centre and**

**Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre of the WHO  
Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion.**

**Administrator and Facilitator of the International  
Passport to Safety Programme in New Zealand.**