

Hi There!

I am proud to welcome you to Passport to Safety. I know in my heart that it will make a difference for your organization, your own children and for young people across Canada. As an Employer Member, you will have access to free tools, resources, tips, valuable links, tools to track training progress and even cost savings from not-for-profit partners that can help you make a safer workplace.

But first and foremost, Passport to Safety will save lives and prevent injuries.

I have a special reason for believing this so strongly. In 1999, on the day that changed my life forever, I was working for the summer to make money to finish my psychology degree. That day, a day like any other, I walked into the paper mill and I never walked out. In fact I never walked with my own two legs again.

That day I took a shortcut over a conveyor belt - a route commonly used by co-workers, supervisors and visitors alike. My left foot got caught in the conveyor system. There was no emergency stop and it kept hauling my foot in further until a man heard me screaming and stopped the belt, saving my life. That step was the last step my left foot would ever take. It was crushed beyond repair and my leg was amputated below the knee.

Unfortunately my story is not unique. I know you never want this to happen in your workplace or to your son or daughter or other family member, but wishing is not enough.

Your young employees, your own children and youth in your community can all benefit from membership in Passport to Safety. It helps ensure they have the awareness needed to help protect themselves at work and are ready for their workplace specific training. Employers who belong to Passport to Safety have these distinct benefits:

- An employers-only section of the website with access to free tools, tips, links, media materials, and more
- An access card that allows you to go "behind the scenes" to manage and monitor the Passport to Safety accounts you provide to your workers - see if they've taken the test and how they succeeded
- Cost savings and access to not-for-profit, partner services
- Recognition as a Passport to Safety employer with a membership plaque to display in your place of business, one that cares about the safety of young workers
- Access to young workers with initiative, who have demonstrated a basic awareness standard and are ready for workplace and job-specific training
- A place in the front ranks of employers across Canada committed to creating safe workplaces and to prevent injuries and save lives!

So what do you need to do?

- Sign up now as an employer on [www.PassporttoSafety.com](http://www.PassporttoSafety.com) and purchase cards for your young workers, the kids and youth you're associated with - and - why not take the test yourself!!
- Ensure the youth you purchase cards for *actually take* the national Passport to Safety test and have them show you their Passport to Safety transcripts or look it up on your employer website. That tells you they have successfully taken the test and verifies they have achieved the Passport to Safety basic awareness standard.
- Ensure you provide work and job-specific training to all young and new workers in compliance with the health and safety legislation in your jurisdiction
- Ask for Passport to Safety certificates from all job applicants and provide it to those who don't have them when you hire

Belonging to Passport to Safety is also believing in a world where young workers don't get injured, or worse yet, killed on the job. If you have questions, please contact me personally at [Candace@passporttosafety.com](mailto:Candace@passporttosafety.com).

Please help me make a difference!

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**Remember! Job specific training is always required.**