

# AIHA President's Update

*for Yuma Pacific Southwest*

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# *Safety Matters*

# Examples of Teen Work Injuries

## The Impact of Work Injuries



## Jack's Story

**Job:** Fast food worker

**Hazard:** Greasy, slippery floors

**Injury:** Injured tailbone

- Why do you think this happened?
- What could have prevented Jack from getting hurt?
- How might this injury impact Jack's daily life?

# Texas Governor Signs Legislation to Promote Teen Workplace Safety Training in Schools

*After the Texas State Legislature passed House Bill 2010, Governor Greg Abbott signed the measure into law.*

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*FALLS CHURCH, Va.* (June 14, 2017) – The American Industrial Hygiene Association® (AIHA) is honored to have worked with [Texas State House Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen \(R-24\)](#), who introduced [House Bill 2010](#), along with State Senator Larry Taylor (R-11), who chairs the Senate Education Committee. The [bill](#), which was signed into law on June 9, 2017 by Texas Governor Greg Abbott (R), encourages school districts and educators to include workplace safety training information in the curriculum of appropriate courses for students in Grades 7–12.

"This new law represents both a challenge and opportunity for Texas and the Nation," said AIHA's immediate Past-President Steven E. Lacey, PhD, CIH, CSP, who testified before Texas State House and Senate committees in support of this bill. "The challenge is to now work with schools and school districts to implement the law – and for other States to enact similar legislation. The opportunity is for AIHA's members to make real progress towards improving teen workplace health and safety by working with policymakers – just like all six of our Texas Local Sections did to help move this bill into law," Dr. Lacey continued.

AIHA has been working on improving teen workplace safety for some time, having partnered with experts at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to develop the [Safety Matters](#) program, which raises awareness among teens about workplace health and safety, and provides basic skills that contribute to a safe work environment. The program is 100% free, voluntary, with no special training required to deliver it.



# How Can Helicopter Parents Have Missed Young Worker Safety?

Children learn to not play with matches, to look out for cars when crossing the street, and to be careful around swimming pools when they are three or four years old—as soon as they are old enough to understand the message—but we never talk to young people about staying healthy and safe at work. Everybody works. And as a society, we essentially do nothing—we send adolescents off to their first jobs as dishwashers, cashiers, construction helpers, and lifeguards, with hardly a word about how to protect themselves on the job. Every year in the United States, nearly 60 000 adolescents younger than 18 years are sent to the emergency department for job-related injuries; around 40 are killed annually. Young workers (aged <25 years) are injured at twice the rate of adult workers—that means

members of the American Public Health Association and beyond in joining us as we put NIOSH's work into action.

The easiest way to get involved is to create opportunities to deliver the one-hour *Safety Matters* module to young people. It is easy to do, and you do not need to be an occupational safety and health expert or a teacher. Think neighborhood schools and community- or faith-based groups. Since its debut in November 2015, more than 300 people have signed up to become *Safety Matters* ambassadors at [bit.ly/aihasafetymatters](http://bit.ly/aihasafetymatters).

The next level of engagement is to get the full series of modules of the free NIOSH Talking Safety curriculum adopted by local school systems. If you serve on a school board or parent-teacher association, live with a teacher, or are neighbors with the

## 16 YEARS AGO

### Obstacles to Research on LGBT Populations and Their Consequences

Many obstacles stand in the way of our gathering knowledge about LGBT populations. Some are methodological; others are related to homophobia and heterosexism, which place LGBT studies outside the mainstream in terms of importance and allocation of resources. . . . It is also important to note that these research challenges are not unique to LGBT populations. Researchers surveying . . . ethnic minority groups, specific age groups, [and] residents in rural areas . . . meet similar challenges. . . . In turn, lack of data on LGBT populations has led to the neglect of important health issues. For example, lack of data hindered the inclusion of sexual orientation in the US Government's Healthy People 2010, which set health priori-

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# NIOSH Teen Safety

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Dr. Lacey,

How are you? My name is Subena Colligan and I'm an Industrial Hygienist based out of Savannah, Ga. The Mayor of Savannah has launched a program called Summer 500 with the intent to employ 500 teens in the Chatham County Metro area to keep them out of trouble for the summer and develop their work ethic. This is the second year of the program and my company is a huge contributor. With that being said, I learned the week long training provided to these young workers did not include workplace safety. Having just read the Synergist, I made the proposal to our company representative to have it incorporated into the schedule. He made the pitch and the committee loved the idea!

Our topic is a late add so they were only able to carve out two hours this year. My goal is to leave a lasting impression so that we can deliver the entire content next year with time for activities. The program director seems to be on board with the expansion. She has asked me to speak at their employer kick-off and sees so much value in the expansion of the program next year. Very exciting!

I also have somewhat of a constraint to address, we need additional resources. If you have any people in the local area that would be willing to help facilitate, it would be greatly appreciated. The kicker is that it will be held the same time as AIHCe (June 6-7). We will be addressing 500 teenagers and trying to deliver the essence of the content in two hours. The students will be broken out into 21 classrooms over the course of two days (10 one day, 11 the second). The content will be delivered in a block, so students will break into the classrooms for two hours and all 10-11 of our volunteers will need to be in their

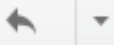


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to me ▾

Hi Dr. Lacey, I saw the recent synergist article about teen safety. This is truly a necessary movement. I will discuss with my children's principal. Also, I am assisting in organizing our chapter's professional development conference that is coming up in February 21st in Brea, CA. Would you be available to speak on this initiative with our members? This is our website:

<https://orangecounty.asse.org/>

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Ms. Jennifer L. Maclachlan  
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Dear Ms. Maclachlan:

I would like to thank you for your commitment, service and efforts related to growing safety cultures across the chemical enterprise. You have been a passionate advocate for chemical safety and it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the American Chemical Society (ACS) Safety Summit at ACS Headquarters in Washington, DC on February 2-4, 2018. As the 2018 ACS President, I fully embrace the Society's commitment to chemical safety and am sponsoring the ACS Safety Summit to identify strategies to accelerate the adoption of an ethos of safety across the chemistry enterprise. Goals for the ACS Safety Summit include:

# Quick discussion...

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