

# CNESST encourages school "Safety First" project

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**A**gain this year, the Quebec workplace health and safety board (CNESST) is inviting schools in the Eastern Townships to submit projects aimed at making young people aware of the importance of prevention, both in their first workplace and in everyday life, as part of its Prevention Education in Schools program.

As of September 18, secondary schools, vocational training centers and CEGEPs will be able to submit projects for the Safety First component of the two-pronged program. The aim of this component is to prevent accidents among young people during their first initiation into the labor market, by identifying various occupational risks, preventing them, and raising awareness of workplace standards and salary equity.

At the same time, primary schools will be able to submit projects for the

Youth Prevention Challenge, which aims to help young people detect risks in their day-to-day activities by carrying out projects in schools, thereby raising awareness of the importance of prevention.

## Financial assistance to carry out the project

Funding of \$300 or \$100 will be provided to help complete projects selected in each component. To be eligible, the project must be linked to a first job or target a risk present in the school environment, in addition to engaging the active participation of students.

## How to participate?

To learn details of the program and to submit a project, see [jeunesautravail.com/consignations](http://jeunesautravail.com/consignations).

## Some numbers

The CNESST's Prevention Education in Schools program is now 16-years-old and is paying off. Over the last school

year alone, more than 1,000 projects were carried out by 258,858 young people, from 586 schools in Quebec.

Since young people are at greater risk of suffering an accident at work, those aged 24 and under remain a priority for CNESST. Every day, 28 young people are injured at work.

The CNESST provides employers and workers with a single entry point and integrated expertise in labor standards, pay equity, and occupational health and safety. Its mission is to manage the Health and Occupational Fund, which is fully self-funded, of which it is the trustee.

