

# ▶ HOW PARENTS CAN HELP KEEP YOUNG WORKERS SAFE

- Start talking to your teenager about workplace OHS as soon as they begin looking for work.
- Check that your child has training in OHS and safe work practices. Don't assume they will recognise workplace hazards or tell you they feel at risk. Ask them about what they do and whether they do it safely.
- Familiarise yourself with your child's job and ask questions about what they would do in various risky scenarios.
- Check that your teenager knows what to do and who to speak to if injured or involved in a near miss.
- Go to ***Employer and Employee OHS Responsibilities*** for more information.

## Questions you can ask your young worker:

- Tell me about the things you do in a shift / what does a typical day involve?
- Has anyone spoken to you about the ways you could be hurt at work? Are there any things that seem dangerous to you?
- Has anyone been hurt at your work? What happened? How would you do it differently?
- Has anyone shown you how to do all parts of your job safely? Are you encouraged to point out OHS hazards?
- What is your supervisor / employer like? Do you feel comfortable asking them for help?
- Is there any safety equipment or protective gear you have been given? Do you have to wear it all the time? Do you know how to use it properly?
- What would you do if you got hurt?
- Does anyone at work give you a hard time?
- How are you coping with juggling school with work and your other activities? Do you think you are working too many hours?