

Class Level: 3	Topic: Health and Safety	Estimated Class Length: 3hrs	Date:
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Lesson Objectives:

- **1 Talk about work injuries**
- **2 Identify health/safety hazards in the workplace**
- **3 Read and summarize articles about work accidents**
- **4 Listen to a video about work safety tips**
- **5 Share information with a partner/the class**

Language Skill Proficiency:

- Speaking
- Listening
- Reading
- Writing

 Materials and Equipment:

- LCD Projector/Computer
- Poster board

Activity Plan

Warm Up: Divide students into pairs. Students ask each other the following questions: Have you ever been hurt at work? Do you know about someone who was hurt at work? What happened? Students share with the class what they learnt from talking to their partner.

Introduction: Project a selection of work hazard pictures from the website below on an LCD projector, and ask to Ss identify the work hazards in the pictures.
<http://curiousphotos.blogspot.com/2009/02/most-hazardous-working-situations.html> Tell Ss that today’s lesson will focus on work health/safety hazards.

Presentation: Brainstorm with Ss the meaning of “hazard”. Come up with general work situations that might occur from these hazards, for example: Getting a burn from hot grease. Slip and fall accident from wet floor.

Practice: Divide students in groups of 2-3. Give each group an article to read. Students underline words that they do not understand. Teacher will explain the meanings to the group. Students will take turns reading out loud to the group. Students create a poster with key information about the article. What happened? Where did it happen (city & job site)? What did the investigation find? Groups share their poster and present it to the class.
<http://www.northcarolinaworkerscompensationlawyersblog.com/>

Evaluation: Watch the Captain Safety video about safety at work 2-3 times on the *computer* using an LCD projector. Write a list of the 8 safety tips given in the video on the white board. Give students an opportunity to read the safety tips back to the class. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJHy2239CcU>.

Extension Activities:

- Ss research osha.gov and select article to share with the class.
 - Add a section on grammar (should/shouldn’t)
 - Ss write a paragraph (a few sentences) describing an injury that occurred in the workplace.
- <http://curiousphotos.blogspot.com/2009/02/most-hazardous-working-situations.html>
https://www.osha.gov/dte/grant_materials/fy10/sh-20839-10/circle_chart.pdf
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Reading #1

Tribal Worker Killed in North Carolina

According to a recent article from [ABC News 13](#), a Tribal transportation worker was killed in an on-the-job car accident in Cherokee, North Carolina. The accident occurred between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

One witness said she was getting ready for work (around that time) when she heard a loud crash. She did not know what happened until she was driving to work and saw that police had blocked the road ahead of her. All she could see was a truck in the grassy area by the travel lane. She later learned that her daughter's boyfriend had witnessed the fatal work-related accident. He then rushed to assist victim. The boyfriend found the injured employee and stayed with him, talking to him until paramedics arrived. He held the victim's head (was essentially) in his lap until help arrived.

Authorities are still investigating the cause of this tragic on-the-job accident. They have released a statement saying the victim was an employee for the Tribal Department of Transportation. He was driving an agency truck when he collided with an SUV traveling in the opposite direction. One of victim's coworkers said she believes victim was driving straight, and the driver of the SUV crossed over the (double yellow) center line of the roadway and crashed into victim's truck.

When first responders arrived, they attempted to provide medical attention to the injured worker, but unfortunately there was nothing they could do, and he was pronounced dead.

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Reading #2

Bakery Explosion Results in Serious Burn Injuries to Worker

Authorities say a worker was at his place of employment, around 10 p.m. when he went to light a pilot light on an oven, and an explosion occurred. The employee was seriously injured. Following the explosion, the worker was able to get out of the bakery without assistance, but he suffered serious second-degree burns on more than 20 percent of his body.

Fire department officials are still investigating the cause of the explosion. The utility said they had just installed new gas lines in the building and had performed a full safety inspection on the morning of the explosion. Everything seemed to be in proper working order at that time. Utility company officials have pledged their support to work with the local fire marshal during the accident investigation. They are going to inspect all equipment in the bakery to see if any appliance was defective and responsible for the explosion and the worker's burn injuries.

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Reading #3

Tree Trimmer Dies on the Job in North Carolina

According to a recent news report from [WNCN](#), a tree trimmer was killed while working in Raleigh, North Carolina. Witnesses say the employee was sitting on a high branch cutting away portions of the trees that needed to be trimmed, because they were falling on the owner's home. While he was up in the tree, the branch he was sitting on snapped, and the worker and the branch fell approximately 45 feet to the ground. After he landed on the ground, the branch, landed on him and pinned him to the ground.

Homeowners called 911, and first responders arrived to get the branch off the worker and provided immediate medical attention. There was nothing they could do to save him, and he was soon pronounced dead as a result of this on-the-job injury.

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Reading #4

North Carolina Worker Killed in Bridge Collapse

According to a recent news report from the [Greensboro News and Record](#), a worker was recently killed in North Carolina when a design flaw caused a bridge on which he was working to collapse.

Accident investigators say the employee was working on a bridge in Raleigh, North Carolina, when design flaws in the support girders caused it to collapse. The bridge was designed for pedestrians.

Witnesses say workers were pouring concrete onto the pedestrian walkway when the collapse occurred. There was another similar pedestrian bridge being constructed near the first one, and this bridge also collapsed hours after the first bridge collapse. Fortunately, no one was injured in this second incident.

Investigators concluded that there was a flaw in these girders due to a "poor design." This design flaw made the support girders incapable of carrying the weight of the concrete deck.