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Students invited to enter safety video contest

Highlight workplace safety and win cash

(Salem) – “Speak Up!” from the director’s chair and promote young worker safety and health in a 45-second public service announcement. High school students across Oregon are invited to enter the third annual video contest. The top three entries will take home cash prizes ranging from \$300 to \$500 and will earn a matching amount for their school.

The Oregon Young Employee Safety Coalition (O[yes]), Oregon OSHA, SAIF Corporation, American Society of Safety Engineers, the Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology (CROET), and the DHS-Public Health Division are sponsoring the contest.

The contest is designed to increase awareness about safety on the job for young people, with the overall theme of “Save a Friend. Work Safe.” Specific video guidelines are outlined in the contest rules. Students are encouraged to use humor, get creative, and use the message “Speak Up!” while emphasizing ways to protect themselves at work. Submissions will be judged on the following:

- A teen worker health and safety message based on the concept of “Speak Up!” as the main focus of the video (See rules for more specific details)
- Creativity and originality
- Overall production value (video and audio quality)
- Youth appeal

The deadline for submissions is **Feb. 1, 2011**.

Contest winners will be unveiled at a screening event to be announced in the spring, and winning entries will be posted on YouTube. For detailed contest information including contest tips, rules, and entry forms, go to www.orosha.org/psacontest/.

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