

# Teen Worker Tech Guide for the Food Service Industry and Wholesale and Retail Trade



## The Dangers for Teens Working in the Service and Retail Industries

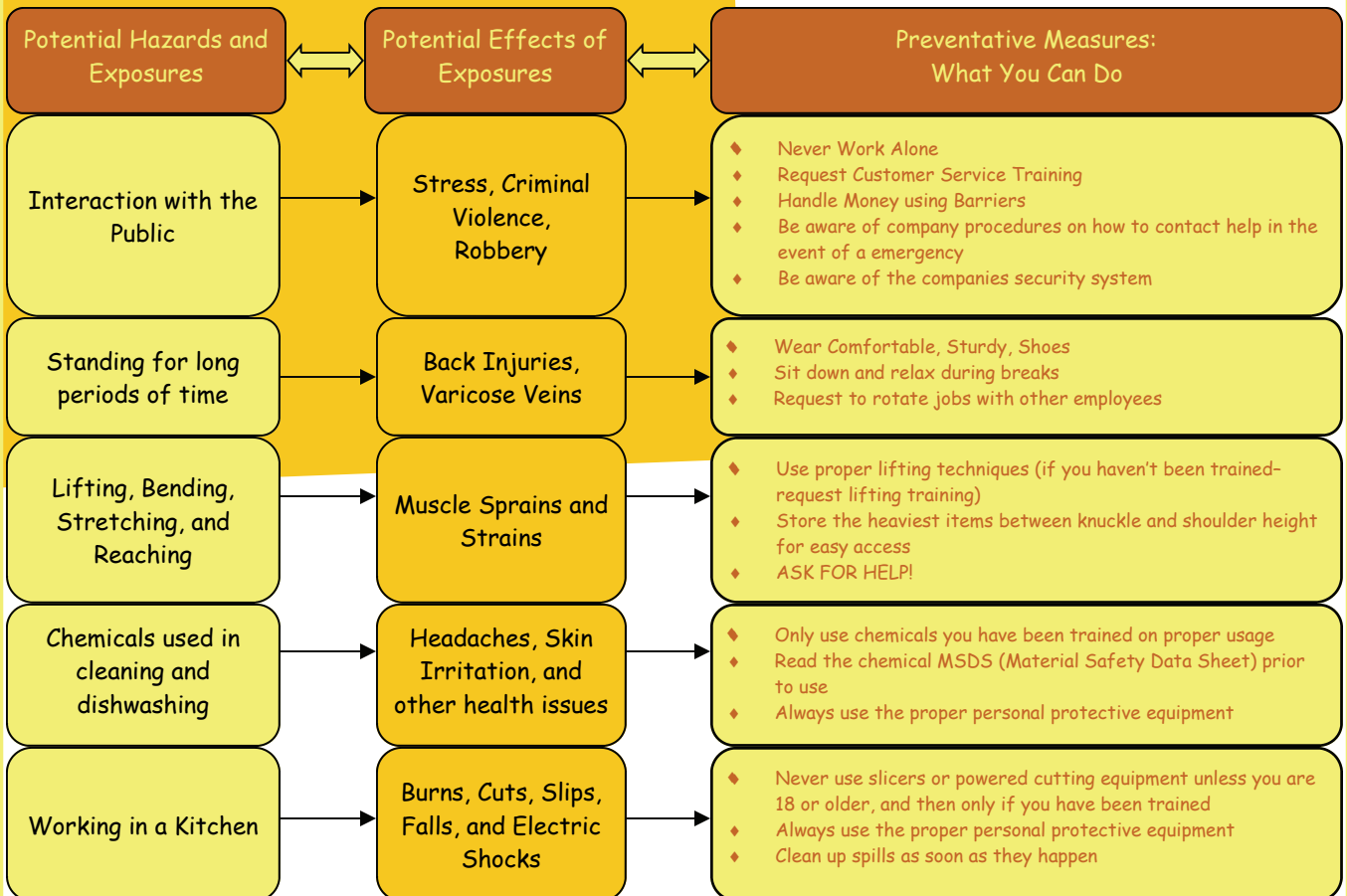
- ◆ Most teens are employed by retail shops, restaurants, and grocery stores. These also happen to be the industries where most teens are injured.
- ◆ In 2001, the wholesale and retail industry accounted for 45.6% of all non-fatal injuries among teens ages 16-19.
- ◆ That same year, the service industry accounted for 21.2% of all non-fatal injuries among teens ages 16-19.

## What is OSHA?

OSHA is the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Its role is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health. OSHA is part of the federal government within the Department of Labor.

## What you should know...

- ◆ Your health and safety is protected by the rules and regulations set by OSHA
- ◆ Depending on your age, you are only allowed to perform certain tasks.
- ◆ Depending on how old you are, you can only work during certain hours.
- ◆ For more information about your rights and responsibilities as a teen worker, please refer to our Teen Worker Tech Guide: Your Rights and Responsibilities: <http://www.oshainfo.gatech.edu/teen-techguide.pdf>
- ◆ Other Resources that can be found online:
- ◆ The Occupational Safety and Health Administration website: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/teenworkers/index.html>
- ◆ National Institute of Safety and Health webpage for youth: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/youth/>
- ◆ Department of Labor: <http://www.youthrules.dol.gov/>



For further information, please visit the Occupational Safety and Health Division website at <http://www.oshainfo.gatech.edu>