

# Indiana Department of Labor Bureau of Child Labor 



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## Topics of Discussion

- General Definitions and Recordkeeping
- Explanation of Violations
- Question and Answer/Additional Resources



# Indiana's Child Labor Laws Overview 

## General Definitions



- Minor = Less than 18 and has not graduated from High School
- "School Day" = More than 4 hours of classroom instruction
- "School Week" = 3 or more school days
- "Non-school Week" = 2 or fewer school days


## Record Keeping Requirements

- Employers must maintain records of days and hours worked for minors
- Breaks and Lunches
- Terminations
- Parental Permission
- Graduation or Withdrawal from High School
- Employment Certificates (Work Permits)
- Most frequently cited violations are for poor or inaccurate recordkeeping


## Inspection Authority

- Inspections may be conducted at any business in the state
- Inspect records related to workers under 18
- Examine work areas
- Interview employees
- Inspections may be initiated
- By Complaint
- Randomly
- Targeted based on employment data


## Child Labor Laws

Detailed Explanation

## Work Permits

- Nearly all minors (14 through 17) in Indiana are required to obtain a work permit
- Exceptions:
- High School graduate
- Parent is the sole proprietor of the business
- Legally Emancipated
- Performer, Actor or Model
- Home Schooled students can obtain Work Permits from Accredited High Schools


## Employer's Requirements

- Intent to Employ / A1 Form
- Work Permit must be obtained before beginning work OR TRAINING
- Information on Work Permit must be accurate and up-to-date
- Work Permit must remain on file at the location of the minor's employment
- Cannot be used at more than 2 locations within an enterprise - hour restrictions still apply


## Child Labor Poster

- Indiana law requires that employers post notice
- Maximum allowable hours per day
- Hours beginning and ending each day
- Poster is developed and distributed by the Indiana Department of Labor
- Online at www.in.gov/dol
- Also available from third-party vendors


## Employer's Requirements

- Teen Work Hours Restrictions poster MUST be displayed
- Must be in a conspicuous place in the business, or
- Where employee notices are customarily posted


## Termination notices

- Termination Notice = bottom half of the Work Permit
- Issuing Officer must be notified immediately and in writing
- Mail
- Hand-Deliver
- Fax
- Do not delay on sending back Termination Notices


## Hours of Work

- State and Federal laws mandate acceptable work hours for minors
- Hours vary based on minor's age
- Parental and/or school permission may allow minors to work extended hours
- Must be in writing
- Must be kept on file with the employee's records
- IDOL provides a "Parental Permission Form"
- Available online at www.in.gov/dol


## 16 Year Olds May work

- 8 hours per school day
- 30 hours per week
- No more than 6 days per week Not before 6:00 am
- Until 10:00 pm on nights followed by a school day


## With Parental Permission, 16 Year Olds May work

- 9 hours per day not followed by a school day
40 hours per school week 48 hours per non-school week
- Until 12:00 am on nights not followed by a school day


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- 8 hours per school day
- 30 hours per week
- No more than 6 days per week Not before 6:00 am on school days
- Until 10:00 pm on nights followed by a school day


## With Parental Permission 17 Year Olds May work

- 9 hours per day not followed by a school day
- 40 hours per school week 48 hours per non-school week
- Until 11:30 pm on nights followed by a school day
- Until 1:00 am on nights followed by a school day
- Not consecutive nights
- Not more than 2 school nights per week


## Employer's Requirements

- Keep track of school and parental permission forms
- Ensure minors are not working past hours defined in law
- Review with managers, shift leaders, crew chiefs to make sure they are aware of the hour restrictions
- Instill in the minors how important it is to clock out on time and encourage them to speak up when they have a scheduling conflict


## Prohibited/Hazardous occupations

- Minors are prohibited by law from working in hazardous occupations
- Hazardous occupations are defined by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
- Vary based on age
- Information available online at: www.youthrules.dol.gov


## Prohibited/Hazardous Occupations

- 16 and 17 year olds may not
- Operate or maintain powered woodworking or saw milling tools
- Chainsaws, circular saws, bandsaws
- Operate or maintain power-driven metal shearing or forming equipment
- Participate in the actions of mining or logging
- Operate or maintain power-driven hoisting machines
- Cranes, forklifts, person lifts
- Load or operate power-driven bailers or compactors
- Work on the roof of any building in any capacity


## Prohibited/Hazardous Occupations

16 and 17 year olds may not

- Work in areas where explosives are handled or stored
- Participate in the demolition or razing (total or partial) of any structure or ship
- Building, bridge, steeple, tower, chimney
- Includes clean-up and salvage


## Prohibited/Hazardous Occupations

- Driving Restrictions for 16 year olds
- 16 year olds may not operate any motor vehicle on any public road or highway, or near any mining, logging or sawmilling operation
- Cars, pickup trucks, motorcycles, vans, semis


## Prohibited/Hazardous Occupations

- Driving Restrictions for 17 year olds
- 17 year olds may only drive if the following criteria are met:
- Gross vehicle weight under 6000 lbs and seat belt equipped
- Only in daylight hours
- Valid driver's license and no moving violations
- Completed a state-approved driver's ed course
- May not tow vehicles or transport goods/passengers for hire
- No more than two trips away from the primary place of employment per day
- 30 mile radius of the place of employment
- May not drive more than $30 \%$ of a workday or 20\% of a workweek
- NO URGENT OR TIME-SENSITIVE DELIVERIES


## Employer's Requirements

- Make sure tasks minors perform are safe and not defined as prohibited
- Review with managers, shift leaders, crew chiefs to make sure they are aware what tasks in your business would be considered "hazardous" or "prohibited"
- Double-check to ensure that minors are not "volunteering" to work in prohibited occupations


## Work during a "School Day"

- Minors may not work during "school hours" from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm on a school day


## - Exceptions

- Minors 17 and 18 may work during "school hours" with written school permission
- All minors working as actors, performers or photographic models


## Employer's Requirements

- Request permission from the minor's school before scheduling during daytime hours
- If the minor is home-schooled, the parent may provide the permission
- Maintain school permission with minor employee's file
- Do not allow minors to volunteer to work restricted hours without school permission


## Breaks and Lunches



## The most frequently cited penalty!

 Minors under 18 must receive 1 or 2 breaks totaling at least 30 minutes if working six or more hours- Exceptions:
- Minors withdrawn from school
- High School/Equivalency Graduates
- Under 14 working as farm laborer, domestic worker, golf caddie or newspaper carrier
- Legally emancipated
- Parent employing own child


## Breaks and Lunches

- Indiana Administrative Code 610 IAC 10-3-2 requires employers to maintain a break log for minor employees
- Breaks must be documented whether paid or unpaid
- Break logs are subject to inspection by the IDOL


## Employer's Requirements

- Communicate the break policy clearly to the minor at the time of hire
- Policy must be provided in writing
- Maintain a break log or otherwise note breaks in time punches
- Make sure that break logs are maintained constantly and are readily available to the inspector
- Document, document, document!


## Questions and Answers/ Additional Resources

## Resources



- IDOL
- Phone: (317) 232-2655
- Fax: (317) 234-4449
- Email: childlabor@dol.in.gov
- Website: www.in.gov/dol
- USDOL
- Phone: (866) 4-USWAGE
- Website: www.youthrules.dol.gov

