

WORK EXPERIENCE

HEALTH AND SAFETY

PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENTS	HANDLING MACHINERY
	<i>The department of employment has specified certain machinery on which young people may not work unless fully instructed; such machinery includes:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain work using radioactive substances, and manipulating red light 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand or power operated guillotines and plater printers;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vitreous enamelling on metal or glass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power operated brick and tile presses;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blasting, asbestos manufacture, certain chemical processes, chromium plating, india-rubber manufacture, pottery manufacture and decorating, certain occupations involving lead processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dough brakes and mixers;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locomotive driving and the driving of cranes in docks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm pressure extruders;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in agriculture which may cause injury through handling heavy weights; and which may involve handling poisonous substances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro-extractors, calendars, washing machines and presses in laundries;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy work in mines and quarries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat mincers;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in betting and gaming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milling machines;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning of machinery in motion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydraulic and pneumatic presses;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with circular saws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lathes; semi-automatic wood turning;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on any sea-going ship or boat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wire stitchers;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in or in connection with the sale of intoxicating liquors, except in places where such liquors are sold exclusively in sealed vessels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loose knife punchers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street trading: in most parts of Devon, street trading is forbidden to anyone under 17 and in some cases under 18. 	

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Some health conditions which may have occupational implications (and which should be assessed by a medical practitioner before choosing the work experience placement).

HEALTH CONDITION	THEREFORE AVOID
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hernia, slipped disc, defects to or lack of limbs, heart or lung difficulties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy manual work or heavy lifting (e.g. warehouse, building, transport)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma, chronic bronchitis, respiratory allergies, throat, eye or ear infections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work involving exposure to dust and fumes (e.g. brick or clay works, box making, chemical processing, horticulture, farming, painting)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chest complaints, rheumatism, spinal deformity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work demanding continual exposure to weather, (e.g. farming, building)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncontrolled vertigo, uncontrolled epilepsy, substantial hearing defects, spasticity of moderate severity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work at heights or near unguarded machinery in action, (e.g. factories, building).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronic eye infections, migraine, serious eye defects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work requiring fine or accurate vision.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial colour vision defects on wire selection testing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work requiring normal colour vision (e.g. electrical, transport).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe skin complaints, allergies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with high dermatitis hazard (e.g. work which is greasy, chemicals)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial hearing defects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work requiring normal hearing (e.g. any with mobile machinery).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contagious or infectious diseases, skin complaints, ear or eye infections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work involving handling or preparation of food (e.g. catering or food shops).

It should be noted that this list is by no means exhaustive, but indicates some of the more common health problems which have occupational significance, and is intended as an aid to matching students with placements. Each case should be treated individually.

If further guidance is required, reference can be made to the school nurse.