

## Grade 12 Performance Task Topics

- Only one person per topic, however, there can be more than one workplace safety PSA.
- Choose from these topics or propose a new topic.
- Google CBC marketplace or go to CBC gem to watch videos about issues that consumers or the general population should be aware of.

Workplace safety and the workplace safety contest - Workers have the right to refuse unsafe work in Ontario, however, it is very difficult for new employees to exercise this right, because of the fear of being let go (fired) from a job if they complain. Added to that is a person's desire to be liked by the employer. For the workplace safety contest, the target audience is young workers such as yourselves.

Inherent additive quality of vaping - The sale of vape products has been approved for sale in Canada, mainly because it is a tool to help smokers quit cigarettes and the addictive nicotine dose that is associated with it. However, instead of being a tool to reduce the use of cigarettes, it is an entry point of addiction.

Vaping - The sale of vape products has been approved for sale in Canada, mainly because it is a tool to help smokers quit cigarettes and the addictive nicotine dose that is associated with it. However, it is the wild, wild west with regards to regulation of its contents. What does that mean? None of the substances in vape are disallowed. The long term ill effects have not been researched or known. (A London, Ontario teenager almost needed a double lung transplant.)

Cannabis - The human mind is not fully developed until the age of 25. Moreover, chronic cannabis use has long harmful effects on a growing person's mind as it is developing. (Perhaps cannabis should not be allowed for purchase until age 25. I know, I know. That's another discussion). This PSA will promote the reduction of elimination of cannabis for those with growing minds.

"Starting [marijuana use] young and using frequently may disrupt brain development". Susan Weiss PhD <http://www.apa.org/monitor/2015/11/marijuana-brain.aspx>

Cannabis ain't what it used to be - THC is the chemical in cannabis which gives you the high. CBD is the chemical in cannabis which mitigates the potential for harm when consuming cannabis, effects like anxiety and paranoia. Today's strains of available cannabis not only have a ridiculously high amount of THC making it easy to get high, but there is no CBD in it!

Texting and walking can be dangerous

Distracted driving, specifically, texting and driving is as dangerous as impaired driving, yet people still do it. Social consequences permanently hurting or killing people. Financial consequences: a hefty fine and an insurance premium that is through the roof. (YOU MAY NOT FILM MOVING VEHICLES IN THE MAKING OF YOUR VIDEO)

Lyme disease is very debilitating - Anyone who goes outdoors can get it - Protect Yourself From Ticks

Protect your online identity, specifically, how you will be seen when a potential employer Googles your name. Why? Because they will! - (I digress: Don't do an interview situation with kids as actors in a place that doesn't look like a place of employment - Seen to many of them and they are all sub-par)

The do's and don'ts of using public WiFi

Organ donation in Canada: Encouraging everyone to sign their donor card or register online

Share the streets with bikes and pedestrians

Stigmatizing depression or other mental illness: the stigma of depression or other mental illnesses have devastating effects on those who suffer. They are passed over for hiring, they are treated differently in the workplace, or they are not given enough resources to cope with their issues.

Public access WiFi: Protect yourself! What not to do.

Stalkerware - apps which monitors someone's text messages and social media

Local fraud schemes targeting the elderly. There are many. Pick one and develop an awareness campaign. Or, people who are victims of fraud are too ashamed to admit that they have been "duped". What can they do?

Support your local food banks

Safe air. No perfumes or sprays in public places, it's not illegal, however, perfumes and sprays can be potentially fatal for someone with asthma. (Perhaps target those 14 years old or younger)

Support local food banks with healthy choices. People who use food banks have no choice. They get what they are given. Therefore, when donating food to food banks avoid unhealthy foods (high fat, high sodium)

Buy local. Support local farmers.

Natural versus organic: Be careful what you buy.

Spotting a drunk driver: What to do! (You may not film moving vehicles, however, motion graphics can be used very effectively)

Date rape drugs. How to protect your drink.

Shop in Canada: Price plus shipping plus taxes just doesn't add up

BPA levels in canned food

Reconciliation with Indigenous Canadians

Boat Safety - Dress for the Water - You can get hypothermia if you dump into Lake Ontario on summer day

Railway crossing - Stay alive and obey the railway crossings lights when flashing

Railway safety - don't walk along the tracks