

Council Directive 94/33/EC of 22 June 1994  
on the protection of young people at work

SECTION I

*Article 1*

**Purpose**

1 Member States shall take the necessary measures to prohibit work by children.

They shall ensure, under the conditions laid down by this Directive, that the minimum working or employment age is not lower than the minimum age at which compulsory full-time schooling as imposed by national law ends or 15 years in any event.

2 Member States ensure that work by adolescents is strictly regulated and protected under the conditions laid down in this Directive.

3 Member States shall ensure in general that employers guarantee that young people have working conditions which suit their age.

They shall ensure that young people are protected against economic exploitation and against any work likely to harm their safety, health or physical, mental, moral or social development or to jeopardize their education.