A STREET COP

My fiancé refuses to marry me if I become a street cop because the job is too dangerous.

However, it is a fact that more people are killed or seriously injured working with farm machinery and what about construction workers, welders, and electricians? Also, putting up high-rise buildings, dams, and bridges isn't exactly a walk in the park.

How many lumberjacks and loggers are killed on the job each year? I personally know two house painters who died on the job, and one who fell off a ladder and was permanently paralyzed from the neck down.

Not long ago 12 coal miners in eastern Kentucky were buried alive on the job. When was the last time 12 cops died at the same time? And when did 25 people die together, as did the employees of that chicken processing plant in North Carolina a few years ago?

I would feel a whole safer being a street cop than being a clerk in a 24-hour convenience store.

What Does It Mean?

- 1. Lumberjacks
- 2. 24-hour convenience store

Questions

- 1. Why does the Oman refuse to marry the man?
- 2. What does he want to point out?
- 3. What kinds of jobs does he think are more dangerous?

Discussion Points

- 1. If you were in a life-threatening business, would you marry him?
- 2. If your boyfriend were a cop, would you marry him?
- 3. What kind of jobs do you think your boyfriend should not have?