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What if the economy is bad? No worries, HVAC careers are here to stay

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Many of you have probably heard your relatives or friends worry about the stability of their jobs. Programmers fear that their work will get shipped off to India, where people with the same skills can work for half of the cost, and e-mail their projects back to the United States. Newspaper reporters worry that, as people look for their daily news on the Internet, they will lose readers and advertising dollars. I, myself, worked for a newspaper, and that paper today has fewer than half of the employees it did 20 years ago. Technology is something that has hurt many careers.

This doesn't happen in the HVAC industry. There will always be a great need in the American job market for skilled technicians who can design, install, and repair heating and cooling systems. And, as heating and cooling technologies continue to improve, MORE technicians will be needed to install and repair this technology. HVAC and refrigeration school is a great way to ensure that your job will be secure, even when other people's jobs are in danger.

This generation of young people has been pressured into attending four-year colleges at a higher rate than any other generation before it. You've probably heard one of your teachers say something like, "A college degree is the new high school degree." That's true - in some cases. But HVAC and refrigeration school is a different animal. Young people don't know about these schools like they know about big-name colleges like Princeton, Harvard, and Michigan State. HVAC schools just aren't promoted like big colleges are. Also, when people think of blue-collar or labor careers, they typically think of industries like steel or automobile manufacturing, which have suffered dramatic losses.

HVAC is different. There's a major industry shortage because:

1. People don't know about refrigeration and HVAC careers. And even the few who are aware that these careers exist are usually not sure what kind of schools they can go to.
2. People are doubtful of entering blue-collar fields because they are regarded negatively by their teachers, guidance counselors, parents, or friends.
3. There just aren't enough trained HVAC professionals entering the industry. Houses and offices are being built much faster than people are being trained in refrigeration and HVAC technologies.
4. The folks who trained for HVAC careers the old-fashioned way - by learning directly from those already in the field - are retiring in huge numbers. And, more people need to get into this field because it's majorly important for building and maintaining homes, offices, and other spaces.

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