SUMMER SAFETY

For many, summer is a time for picnics and trips to the beach. For school maintenance and custodial employees, it is also time for maintaining school grounds and for preparing the school buildings for the coming school year. This work can expose workers to a variety of hazards and can be the cause of illness and accidents. Click on the links to find out more information regarding these hazards:

Heat Stress signs and symptoms
Prevention of tick bites
NYS Information for schools on ticks
West Nile and mosquito control
Preventing back injury from OSHA

Zoom In On Legislative Updates

NYS Requires Pads and Tampons in Bathrooms

Menstrual Products are now required in NYS Public Schools. More information can be obtained from the Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090 or StudentSupportServices@nysed.gov.

Section 1. Title 6 of article 2 of the public health law, as added by chapter 342 of the laws of 2014, is amended by adding a new section 267 to read as follows:

§ 267. Feminine hygiene products in schools. All elementary and secondary public schools in the state serving students in any grade from grade six through grade twelve shall provide feminine hygiene products in the restrooms of such school building or buildings. Such products shall be provided at no charge to students.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Emergency Planning Updates

- This is the time the building level and department level emergency planning meetings will take place.
- A special focus will also be given to ensuring that all employees are familiar with the EOC.
- This meeting also includes a walk-through of the facility and considerations for emergency planning in the context of the building.

- A final day of training will take place in early November where the steps of the emergency preparedness plan will be taken in practice and the roles and responsibilities of employees will be reinforced.
OSHA safety for landscaping and lawncare

Please take time to be safe this summer. Call us if you need more information.
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CONSULTANT SERVICES

Regional Safety Services has contracted with several companies to provide expanded services through CoSER 698.110.

**Advantage Emergency Devices**
AED service and inspections. CPR/AED Training.

**AF Investigations**
Private investigative services.

**Anonymous Alerts**
Patented anti-bullying and safety-reporting app.

**Corporate Screening and Investigative Services Group**
Private investigative services.

**CPRed**
American Heart Association provider of CPR training.

**Facilities Inspection Services**
Fire inspections, preliminary fire inspections, fire safety.

**Foley Security Consulting**
Security guard training and certification, educational

- This is the time the building level and district level administrators should be updating their Emergency Response Plans. Everyone should be using the 2015 template from NYS. Plans must be approved by the board of education by **September 1** every year.
- A portion of one of the first professional development days should be dedicated to safety training of ALL STAFF. The NYS mandate requires that training be completed by **September 15th** and then within 30 days after the hiring of any additional new employees.
- While ALL staff needs to be trained as per the last bullet, you may want to consider spending a little extra time with your new hires to review these procedures. [New Teacher Training Checklist]

**Relevant Court Cases**

Below are three interesting court cases for your reading (from the school safety law blog):

- In California, the California Court of Appeal ruled that the juvenile court probation condition allowing the monitoring of a juvenile's electronic communications and social media was valid. The court reasoned that the conditions were tailored to his individual circumstances and public safety interests and were reasonably likely to yield evidence of continued contact with gang members regarding drug use or other criminal activity. (In re Juan R).

- In Utah, the United States District Court ruled that school officials did not violate the rights of a student who was removed from the cheerleading squad for improper social media usage. The court held that there is no constitutional right to be a cheerleader and the school can impose restrictions on the student to be on the
safety consultations and private investigations.

Fred Lane
Speaker and expert on the impact of emerging technologies on society, with an emphasis on privacy and cyber traps.

Hang Up and Drive
Powerful program about the dangers of distracted driving.

Louis Berger US, Inc.
Industrial hygiene / IAQ / environmental testing services.

Miller Environmental Group
Environmental and chemical management services.

OmniWeather
Severe weather alerts; either annually or winter storm season.

Playground Medic
Inspections and audits on your playground surfaces, equipment and design.

Rapid Responder
All hazard emergency preparedness and crisis management system.

Turn-Key Environmental
Environmental and chemical management services.

If your district has a safety-related service that you would like to see offered under CoSER 698.110, please contact us at 914-248-3692.

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Updated Guidelines for Concussion Management
(June 2018 Memo to School Administrators)

- The New York State Education Department Guidelines for Concussion Management in Schools have been revised to reflect the current recommendations on managing concussions. Previous guidance was that students must be completely symptom free to return to activities. Now there is emerging research suggesting that some symptoms may be acceptable during return to activities. The updated guidelines now reflect this practice along with emphasizing that schools follow guidance of the student’s health care provider on what symptoms are acceptable for a return to activities.

- A gradual return to physical activity typically is done by progressing a student through levels of activity that increase in
OSHA Regulation on Crystalline Silica Takes Effect

Crystalline Silica is a common mineral found in the earth’s crust. Materials like sand, stone, concrete, and mortar contain crystalline silica. It is also used to make products such as glass, pottery, ceramics, bricks, and artificial stone. Respirable crystalline silica - very small particles at least 100 times smaller than ordinary sand that you might find on beaches and playgrounds - is created when cutting, sawing, grinding, drilling, and crushing stone, rock, concrete, brick, block, and mortar.

Activities such as abrasive blasting with sand; sawing brick or concrete; sanding or drilling into concrete walls; grinding mortar; manufacturing brick, concrete blocks, stone countertops, or ceramic products; and cutting or crushing stone result in worker exposures to respirable crystalline silica dust. Industrial sand used in certain operations, such as foundry work and hydraulic fracturing (fracking), is also a source of respirable crystalline silica exposure. About 2.3 million people in the U.S. are exposed to silica at work.

Workers who inhale these very small crystalline silica particles are at increased risk of developing serious silica-related diseases, including:

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Silicosis, an incurable lung disease that can lead to disability and death;
Lung cancer;
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); and
Kidney disease.

To better protect workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica, OSHA has issued two new respirable crystalline silica standards: one for construction and the other for general industry and maritime. OSHA will begin enforcing most provisions of the standard for construction on September 23, 2017 and will begin enforcing most provisions of the standard for general industry and maritime on June 23, 2018.

This article comes from the OSHA website: [https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/](https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/)