DID YOU KNOW

Under the fire code:

Furnishings may not obstruct or obscure exits.

Artwork and teaching materials are limited to not more than 20% of the corridor wall area.

Curtains, drapes, hangings, and other decorative materials suspended from walls or ceiling shall comply with Section 807.4 and shall not exceed 10% of the specific wall or ceiling to which they are attached.

Artwork in classrooms must be limited to not more than 50% of the specific wall area to which they are attached.

Need help with fire safety training?

Contact Carol Sneyd
914-248-3854
csneyd@pnwboces.org

We care about your safety!

Westchester County needs the help of our school districts.

SNAPSHOT ON SAFETY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As part of our New Year's Resolution, we want to hear from our readers about topics that you would like covered in Snapshot on Safety and programs you would like to have offered by Regional Safety Services. Please e-mail Cynthia Braden at cbraden@pnwboces.org.

Regional Crisis Team/ Administrators Regional Crisis Team
Dr. Lynn Allen and Michael Sellet

The Putnam | Northern Westchester BOCES Regional Crisis Team (RCT) was established in 1999 after the tragic events at Columbine High School prompted us to take proactive measures to assist our component school districts should they need additional assistance in the aftermath of a serious crisis situation related to a national disaster, school violence or the death of a school community member.

The RCT, as it is organized today, consists of volunteers from various school districts and other community mental health agencies in the region. They are available to provide onsite support (consultation, counseling, etc.) and follow-up (debriefing, assessment, etc.) services after the occurrence of a serious school crisis.

Additionally, the Administrators Regional Crisis Team (ARCT) was established in 2015 by volunteer building and district level administrators in our region. The group serves as an arm of the RCT to share best practices in the areas of crisis prevention, intervention and response as well as expand available support specifically to school
As part of their emergency planning process, they need the following information from Westchester County Schools:

1. Name of Each School Building
2. Number of students in each
3. Number of faculty and staff in each
4. Total number of staff in the district

Please send the information to:
Matthew Kavaler,
Program Specialist
Westchester County OEM
HVTMC
200 Bradhurst Avenue
Hawthorne, NY 10532
mqk3@westchestergov.com

Emergency Operations Center

SAVE THE DATE

Regional Safety Committee Meeting

You have been appointed CEO - NOW WHAT?

January 26, 2017
10:00 am
Building 1 Conference Room
Fox Meadow Campus

CONTACT US

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In the event that a school district experiences a serious crisis situation and needs to activate the RCT and/or the ARCT, please call or email Lynn Allen, lallen@pnwboces.org or Mike Sellet, msellet@pnwboces.org to request assistance from the RCT. Requests for assistance are best made by the superintendent or designee in consultation with the district’s crisis team.

Email a brief description of the situation to Lynn or Mike (this information will be forwarded to RCT members when requesting their assistance). Include: the nature of the emergency, the school or schools needing assistance, the type of assistance desired (consultation or counseling - individual, group, classroom - for students, staff, and/or parents); the estimated number of RCT members desired. Also, identify the name, telephone number, and email address of the school district contact person(s) for RCT members to report to upon arrival and inform security personnel to expect members of the RCT.

The Regional Crisis Team and Administrators Regional Crisis Team look forward to continuing to provide our component school districts with timely assistance and quality service in response to serious school crises in the coming year.

If you need any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Lynn Allen at 914-248-2310 or lallen@pnwboces.org or Mike Sellet at 914-248-2457 or msellet@pnwboces.org.

Annual Winter Safety Notes
OSHA has the following tips for dealing with snow.

Shoveling Snow

Shoveling snow can be a strenuous activity, particularly because cold weather can be taxing on the body. There is a potential for exhaustion, dehydration, back injuries, or heart attacks. During snow removal, in addition to following the tips for avoiding cold stress, such as taking frequent breaks in warm areas, there are other precautions workers can take to avoid injuries. Workers should warm-up before the activity, scoop small amounts of snow at a time and where possible, push the snow instead of lifting it. The use of proper lifting technique is necessary to avoid back and other injuries when shoveling snow: keep the back straight, lift with the legs and do not turn or twist the body.
Using Powered Equipment like Snow Blowes

It is important to make sure that powered equipment, such as snow blowers, are properly grounded to protect workers from electric shocks or electrocutions. When performing maintenance or cleaning, make sure the equipment is properly guarded and is disconnected from power sources.

Snow blowers commonly cause lacerations or amputations when operators attempt to clear jams with the equipment turned on. Never attempt to clear a jam by hand. First, turn the snow blower off and wait for all moving parts to stop, and then use a long stick to clear wet snow or debris from the machine. Keep your hands and feet away from moving parts. Refuel a snow blower prior to starting the machine; do not add fuel when the equipment is running or when the engine is hot.

Clearing Snow from Roofs and Working at Heights

Employers must evaluate snow removal tasks for hazards and plan how to do the work safely. Workers should be aware of the potential for unexpected hazards due to the weather conditions, for example, layers of ice can form as the temperature drops, making surfaces even more slippery. A surface that is weighed down by snow must be inspected by a competent person to determine if it is structurally safe for workers to access since it may be at risk of collapsing. Snow covered rooftops can hide hazards such as skylights that workers can fall through. Electrical hazards may also exist from overhead power lines or snow removal equipment.

Another way that employers can protect workers from these hazardous work conditions is by using snow removal methods that do not involve workers going on roofs, when and where possible. Employers should determine the right type of equipment (ladders, aerial lifts, etc.) and personal protective equipment (personal fall arrest systems, non-slip safety boots, etc.) for the job and ensure that workers are trained on how to properly use them.

Preventing Slips on Snow and Ice

To prevent slips, trips, and falls, employers should clear walking surfaces of snow and ice, and spread de-icer, as quickly as possible after a winter storm. In addition, the following precautions will help reduce the likelihood of injuries:

- Wearing proper footwear when walking on snow or ice is unavoidable, because it is especially treacherous. A pair of insulated and water
resistant boots with good rubber treads is a must for walking during or after a winter storm. Keeping a pair of rubber over-shoes with good treads that fit over your street shoes is a good idea during the winter months.

- Take short steps and walk at a slower pace so you can react quickly to a change in traction, when walking on an icy or snow-covered walkway.

For more information on winter safety, CLICK HERE

Wind Chill Chart

Wind Chill (°F) = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275V

Where, T= Air Temperature (°F) V= Wind Speed (mph)

Effective 11/01/01

Frostbite Times

- 30 minutes
- 10 minutes
- 5 minutes
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