

National Playground Safety Inspector Course & Exam



VERMONT
RECREATION & PARKS
ASSOCIATION

April 4 - 6, 2011

Doubletree Hotel • So. Burlington, Vermont

Who should attend?

Administrators

Supervisory Personnel

Public Works Departments

Planning Departments

Building & Grounds Maintenance Staff

Engineers

Architects

*Playground Equipment Representatives,
Operators, & Caretakers of Playgrounds in:*

Parks

Schools

Summer Camps

Day Camps

Homeowners Associations

Hotels/Resorts

Child Care Centers

Agencies such as:

YMCA's and YWCA's

Boys & Girls Clubs

Program Highlights

- Injury Statistics
- Hazard Identification
- Safe Surfacing Materials
- Playground Equipment Accessibility
- Off-Site Park Visit
- Safety Management
- Audit Objectives & Procedures
- Maintenance Procedures & Standards
- Question & Answer Session

Are Your Playgrounds Safe?

According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, 200,000, children are treated for playground accidents annually. Of these, 70 percent, or 140,000, occur in public parks and school yards. How does your equipment measure up? How many injuries occurred on your playgrounds?

Sponsored by the Vermont Recreation & Parks Association and the National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI), this course is the most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods offered anywhere. ***Advanced reading and twelve hours of training will prepare you to sit for the Certified Playground Safety Inspector exam*** scheduled at the culmination of the certification course.

Resource materials developed especially for this course are included in the registration fee and will be mailed to participants.

How will this seminar benefit you and your organization?

Maintenance

Learn how to identify safety hazards on the playground, and the steps needed for correction.

Administration

Review of risk management techniques and liability problems, implementation of risk management programs. Learn how to conduct an audit of your playgrounds.

Resources

Become familiar with the US Consumer Products Safety Commission Guidelines and the ASTM Standard for Public Use of Playground Equipment Safety; identify the differences between them and their impact on playground safety.

Accessibility

Learn about safety in accessibility and the recommendations of the ASTM standard.

Surfacing

Become aware of the characteristics of the various surfaces used on playgrounds.

REGISTER TODAY! SPACE IS LIMITED.

Preliminary Schedule

Day 1 – Monday, April 4, 2011

7:30 to 8 am Registration & Coffee
 8 to Noon NPSI Program begins
 Noon to 1 pm Lunch (*provided*)
 1 to 5 pm NPSI Program continues

Day 2 – Tuesday, April 5, 2011

8 to Noon NPSI Program continues
 Noon to 1 pm Lunch (*provided*)
 1 to 4:30 pm Site Visit
 4:30 to 5 pm Q&A, program ends

Day 3 – Wednesday, April 6, 2011

8 to 8:45 am Exam Check-in
 9 to 11 am Exam

General Information

Class Size: Space is limited so you are encouraged to register early. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. A minimum registration of 40 is required by NRPA.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations before 3/11/11 will be eligible for a partial refund (registration fee less \$50 VRPA service charge and \$100 NRPA material charge.) After March 11, name substitutions only will be allowed and you are responsible for getting the study materials to your replacement. All refund/replacement requests must be submitted in writing and can be faxed to 802-878-2921.

CEU Credit: You may obtain 1.2 CEU credits for participation in this course. Please be sure to sign the attendance roster before you leave.

Pre-Course Study Materials: You will receive written study materials approximately 3 weeks before the course. It is extremely important that you read the course materials prior to attending the class. Failure to study the materials before the course commonly leads to failure of the exam.

Lunches: The registration fee includes lunch on both days.

Exam: Those taking the course are eligible to take the Playground Safety Inspectors Exam on Wednesday, April 6th. The fee is

\$100; see registration form. Upon successfully passing the exam, you will be certified through the National Recreation and Park Association as a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) for a three-year period. The option to take the CPSI exam via computer-based testing is now available through the NRPA. Computer-based exam fee \$195. To obtain additional information please visit nrpa.org (under Learn and Grow/Certification Programs/CPSI Certification). Please be advised if you register to take the examination with the course, you will not receive a refund to take your initial exam via computer-based testing at a later date. Please decide now if you would like to take the exam on Day 3 of the course or via a Computer-Based Exam at a later date. Thank you!

Accommodations: Special room rates for the NPSI delegates have been secured at the Doubletree. They are \$92 single or double rooms, plus 9% tax. Call the Doubletree at 802-658-0250 to reserve a room at these preferred rates under the NPSI/VRPA reservation.

Special Accommodations: If you require special accommodations, diet or assistance with the exam due to a disability please attach a note to this application.

NPSI Playground Safety Inspector Certification Course & Exam Registration

Name _____ Title _____

Agency _____

Shipping Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

Email _____ (*must include an email address for communications*)

Current CPSI certification # (*if previously certified*) _____

Please register me for:

- | | By 3/4/11 | After 3/4/11 |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground Safety Institute Registration – Non-member/VRPA member
(<i>course only; does not include exam</i>) | \$435/410 | \$460/435 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certification Exam (<i>Photo ID required for exam admission</i>) | \$100 | \$100 |

\$ _____ Total Fee

Payment Options

- Check (made payable to VRPA)
- Purchase Order – A PO is in the works and will be mailed later. (*Please attach a copy of purchase order.*) PO # _____
 VRPA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, Fed. ID #03-0279145.

A confirmation package including directions will be forwarded upon receipt of registration.

Mail or fax completed form with payment to:

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