

# National Playground Safety Institute



April 30 – May 2, 2008



VERMONT  
RECREATION & PARKS  
ASSOCIATION

Elks Country Club • Montpelier, 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*

*Police Athletics Leagues*

## *Program Highlights*

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

## 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 – Wednesday, April 30

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

## Day 2 – Thursday, May 1

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

## Day 3 – Friday, May 2

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 3/28/08 will be eligible for a partial refund (registration fee less \$50 VRPA service charge and \$100 NRPA material charge.) After March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 prior to the start of the training 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 Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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. Certificates will be awarded and your name will be added to a national CPSI roster.

**Accommodations:** Special room rates for the NPSI delegates have been secured at the nearby Capitol Plaza Hotel. They are \$85 for single and \$95 for double rooms, plus 9% tax. Call the Capitol Plaza at 802-223-5252 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 3/28/08	After 3/28/08
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Playground Safety Institute Registration</b> (VRPA or NRPA member) (NRPA membership number: _____)	\$380	\$410
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Playground Safety Institute Registration</b> (all other registrations)	\$420	\$450
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Certification Exam</b> (Photo ID required for exam admission)	\$100	\$125
	\$ _____	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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