

National Playground Safety Institute

October 19-21, 2010

Arrowhead Golf Club, 26W151 Butterfield Rd., Wheaton, IL 60189 (630/653-5800)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, September 21, 2010

REGISTRATION FEES:

IPRA Member = \$499 (COURSE); \$120 (EXAM); Non-Member = \$599 (COURSE); \$145 (EXAM)

⇒ REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.IPRAONLINE.COM

IF YOU WISH TO TAKE THE EXAM, YOU MUST REGISTER FOR IT WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR THE COURSE.

Registering for the course does not mean you are registered for the exam.

Questions? Contact Sheila Mulvey-Tatoris at 630/376-1911 x208 or sheila@ilipra.org

WHY THIS COURSE SHOULD BE IMPORTANT TO YOU:

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 205,000 children are treated for playground accidents annually, with approximately 15 resulting in death. Of these, 70% occurred at public parks and schoolyards. **Does your equipment measure up? How many preventable injuries occurred in your parks?**

Sponsored by the **Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA)** and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), this course is the most comprehensive training program offered on playground hazard identification and risk management methods. Advanced reading and ten hours of training will prepare you to take the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) Exam, which will take place on the last day.

- The National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) promotes children’s rights to play and the importance of play in a child’s development.
- NPSI provides the most current comprehensive training program on public playground safety, including the development and distribution of playground training and safety products.
- NPSI provides input to help develop a responsible public policy which guarantees the safety of our children. At the same time, NPSI advocates sound fiscal responsibility to provide resources for the ongoing maintenance and support of the policy.

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

YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO:

- Design a playground that protects children from injury
- Identify playground safety hazards and the steps needed for corrections
- Review risk management and liability problems; learn to implement risk management programs
- Learn how to conduct an audit of your playgrounds
- Become familiar with US Consumer Products Safety Commission Guidelines and the ASTM Standard for Public Use Playground
- Identify equipment differences and understand their impact on playground safety
- Learn about safety in accessibility and the recommendations of the ASTM standard
- Become aware of the characteristics of the various surfaces used on the playground

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

DESIGN FOR SAFETY	STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES	SURFACING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why safety problems are caused by design ▪ How to evaluate a proposed playground ▪ How playground layout affects safety ▪ The impact of the environment on safety ▪ Safety in custom design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The US Consumer Product Safety Commission Handbook for Public Playground Safety ▪ The ASTM Standard ▪ Performance Specification for Playground Equipment of Public Use ▪ The differences between the documents and how they should be used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The impact of CPSC and ASTM requirements for surfacing under playground equipment ▪ The characteristics of various surfaces to meet recommended impact criteria ▪ Surfaces that meet the accessibility requirement
IDENTIFYING HAZARDS	ACCESSIBILITY	RISK MANAGEMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The difference between a risk and a hazard ▪ Hazards in children’s play ▪ Supervision hazards in construction, installation, and layout ▪ Hazards in playground equipment ▪ The impact of poor maintenance on playground safety ▪ Test methods for determining hazards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASTM specifications to provide accessibility to playgrounds and play equipment which meet the intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act ▪ The challenge of providing accessibility without causing safety problems ▪ Design of playground equipment for both safety and accessibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How to develop risk management tools ▪ Audit tools ▪ How to prioritize a master plan for upgrading your playground ▪ Legal ramifications of your risk management program
SPECIFIC SAFETY CONCERNS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Head entrapments, entanglements, and protrusions ▪ Pinch, crush, and shear points ▪ Age-appropriate equipment 		

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Arrowhead Golf Club (630/653-5800)
26W151 Butterfield Rd., Wheaton, IL 60189

REGISTRATION FEE

Your registration fee covers:

- All pre-course study materials and shipping
- Playground inspection
- Lunch and snacks on Tuesday and Wednesday

CLASS SIZE

You are encouraged to register early as space is limited. Registration is on a first-paid, first-served basis.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

7:30 am – 8:00 am	Registration
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Welcome and Course Introduction
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Foundation and Injury Statistics
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Break
9:30 am – Noon	Hazard ID, Part 1 and 2
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Applied Exercise 1 – Use of Tests, Probes, and Gauges
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	Hazard ID, Part 3
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Hazard ID, Part 4
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	Surfacing, Part 1
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Exam Preparation/Q & A Period/Homework Assignment

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

8:00 am – 8:45 am	Surfacing, Part 2
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Safety Management – Comprehensive Program/Audits
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Break
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Safety Management – Inspections and Maintenance
10:00 am – 11:45 am	Applied Exercise 2 – Hazard ID Prioritization
11:45 am – Noon	Q & A Period
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Applied Exercise 3 – Site Inspection
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Site Investigation Wrap-Up
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Q & A Period (Program Ends)

Thursday, October 21, 2010

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Check In
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Two-Hour Certification Exam <i>A photo ID is required to take exam.</i>

CERTIFICATION

Those taking the course are eligible to take the Certified Playground Safety Inspectors Exam, but **must register** for the exam which is given on the third day of the Institute. Upon successful completion of the course and exam, you will be certified through the National Recreation and Park Association as a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) for three years. Certificates will be awarded and your name will be added to the national roster of CPSIs. Certification is valid for three years and is renewable. You will receive your results within four to six weeks after taking the exam. Please address all renewal questions to NRPA at 703/858-2148 or info@nrpa.org.

PRE-COURSE STUDY MATERIALS

You will receive written resource materials to study as soon as your registration is processed. This study time is highly recommended and NRPA/NPSI advises not taking the exam if the materials have not been thoroughly read.

CEUs

Upon successful completion of the three-day workshop, participants will be awarded 1.2 CEUs by NRPA.

ADA COMPLIANCE

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, IPRA will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. Please email your request to dina@ilipra.org.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

In order to receive your pre-course study materials via U.S.P.S., **you must register by September 21, 2010**. You may register after this date; however, you will be required to either pick up your pre-course study materials from the IPRA office or pay for the expense of express delivery. **YOU WILL NEED TO STUDY THESE MATERIALS THOROUGHLY BEFORE THE COURSE.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Cancellations must be submitted in writing and received by September 21, 2010 in order to receive a refund less a service charge of \$100 for the materials. **No refunds will be granted for cancellations received after September 21, 2010.** Substitutions for those unable to attend will be allowed; however, it is the responsibility of the original registrant to provide their replacement with the pre-course study materials once received.

In order to provide efficient services to our members, online registration is available for all programs and services. You may register with Visa or MasterCard **at www.ipraonline.com**.

If you do not know your login or password or experience any problems with logging in, please send an e-mail to sheila@ilipra.org or call 630/376-1911 x208 for assistance.

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