



## PLAYGROUND SAFETY

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 200,000 children were treated for playground accidents in 1995. Of these, 70-percent, or 140,000, occurred in public parks or school yards. Many of these accidents could have been prevented.

## NATIONAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSTITUTE

The National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) promotes children's right to play, and promotes nationally the importance that play has 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 responsible public policy for the guaranteed safety of our children, while at the same time advocating sound fiscal responsibility to provide resources for the ongoing maintenance and support of that policy.

## THE COURSE

The National Playground Safety Inspector Course is the most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods that is offered today. Advance reading and 10 hours of training will prepare you to take the Certified Playground Safety Inspector Exam scheduled at the culmination of the certification course.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Parks and Recreation Agencies
  - Administrators
  - Supervisory Personnel
  - Public Works Departments
  - Maintenance Staff
  - Engineers
  - Architects
  - Landscape Architects
- Playground Operators In:
  - Schools
  - Summer and Day Camps
  - Hotels and Resorts
  - Day Care Centers
  - Fast Food Restaurants
  - YMCA and YWCA
  - Boys' and Girls' Clubs
- Playground Equipment Representatives



Minnesota Recreation and Park Association  
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# National Playground Safety Institute Course and Exam



**March 24 - 26, 2010**  
**Family Service Center**  
**New Brighton, Minnesota**

**"The most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods."**



## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

### • Identifying Hazards

- The difference between a risk and a hazard
- Hazards of children's play and supervision
- Hazards in playground equipment
- Hazards in construction, installation, and layout
- The impact of poor maintenance on playground safety
- Test methods for determining hazards

### • Specific Safety Concerns

- Head entrapments, entanglements, and protrusions
- Pinch, crush, and shear points
- Age-appropriate equipment

### • Standards and Guidelines

- The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission Handbook for Playground Safety
- The ASTM Standard Consumer Product Safety
- Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use
- The difference between the documents and how they should be used

### • Accessibility

- ASTM specifications to provide accessibility to playgrounds and play equipment to meet the intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- The implications of providing accessibility without causing safety problems
- Playground equipment design for both safety and accessibility

### • Surfacing

- 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 accessibility requirements and also provide safety

### • Risk Management

- How to develop risk management tools
- Audit tools
- How to prioritize a master plan for upgrading
- Legal ramifications of your risk management program

### • Design Safety

- Why safety problems are caused by design
- How to evaluate a proposed playground
- The impact of layout and the environment on safety
- Safety in custom design



## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Course participants are eligible to take the optional Playground Safety Inspector Exam given immediately after the course. Passing the test means certification by National Recreation and Park Association as a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI). Certificates will be awarded and your name will be added to the national register of CPSIs. Please bring a photo I.D. for admission to the exam. An exam will be required for renewal after three years. **CEU Credit: You may obtain 1.2 credits for participating in the course.**

## INSTITUTE PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-register by completing and returning the following form, and fees, to MRPA by **Wednesday, February 24, 2010**. After February 24, the registration fee will be \$440/MRPA members and \$490/non-members. Confirmation package, including study materials and directions to the site, will be forwarded upon receipt of registration and payment.

## INSTITUTE SITE INFORMATION

Family Service Center  
400 10th Street NW • New Brighton, MN 55112  
A map and driving directions will be included within your mailed packet.

## MEALS

Continental breakfasts and lunches on the first two days are included in the registration fee. All other meals are on your own.

## LODGING

Overnight accommodations are available at Homewood Suites by Hilton, New Brighton, 1815 Old Highway 8 NW, in New Brighton. This is a new hotel opening in January. Reservations can be made beginning January 12 by calling 651.631.8002 or 800. CALL.HOME. Hotel reservations must be made by March 2. Lodging rate is \$119/night plus tax. Ask for the MRPA group rate when making your reservation.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations made with the return of textbook materials by Wednesday, February 24 will be refunded, less a \$100 handling fee. An additional \$100 will be deducted for unreturned materials. No refunds after February 24, 2009. Alternate attendees may be sent. Please call Michelle Snider at 763.571.1305 x100 to arrange for an alternate to attend.

## QUESTIONS?

Please contact Michelle Snider, MRPA  
Tel: 763.571.1305 x100 • Fax: 763.571.5204 • Web: mnrpa.org



## NATIONAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSTITUTE REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration is due by **Wednesday, February 24, 2010**. Please complete this form and return it with payment to:

Minnesota Recreation and Park Association  
Attn: NPSI Training  
200 Charles Street NE  
Fridley, MN 55432

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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	MRPA Member	Non- MRPA Member
<input type="checkbox"/> National Playground Safety Institute .....	\$415	\$465
• If registered on or before February 24		
<input type="checkbox"/> National Playground Safety Institute .....	\$440	\$490
• If registered after February 24		
<input type="checkbox"/> Certification Exam (optional) .....	\$110	\$125

**Total Registration Fee** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to MRPA or pay by credit card online at mnrpa.org. Study materials will be sent upon receipt of registration and payment.

You must register by Wednesday, February 24, 2010, in order to ensure you receive your preparation materials in advance of the course. Registration is limited to 80 participants - please register early.