

Certified Playground Safety Inspector In-Person Course and Exam

October 25 - 27, 2023

Apple Valley Community Center

14603 Hayes Road • Apple Valley, MN 55124



NRPA National Recreation
and Park Association



About the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) Program

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 200,000 children are treated annually for playground equipment-related injuries. Of these, 74-percent, or 148,000 involve public playground equipment. Many of these accidents could have been prevented. National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) major initiative in raising playground safety awareness is the administration of the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) training and certification program. The CPSI course is designed to properly train individuals to recognize and prevent potential playground hazards.

The CPSI course is the most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods that is offered today. Advanced reading and 15 hours of training will prepare you to take the CPSI 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 and Architects
 - Landscape Architects
- Playground Equipment Representatives
- Playground Operators In:
 - Schools
 - Summer and Day Camps
 - Hotels and Resorts
 - Day Care Centers
 - Fast Food Restaurants
 - YMCA and YWCA
 - Boys' and Girls' Clubs

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
- 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
- Risk Management
 - How to develop risk management and audit tools
 - How to prioritize a master plan for upgrading
 - Legal ramifications of your risk management program
- 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
- 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

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Professional Certification

Course participants are eligible to take the optional Certified 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. An exam will be required for renewal after three years. **CEU Credit: Participants may obtain 1.5 credits for participating in the course.**

Pre-Registration

Pre-register by completing and returning the following form, and fees, to MRPA by **Wednesday, October 4**. A confirmation email will be sent and study materials will be mailed upon receipt of registration and payment.

Class Schedule and Size

The course runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first two days. The optional certification exam runs from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on the third day. Minimum registration is 25 participants to hold a class; maximum is 40 participants. Please register early.

Site Information

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Meals / Lodging / Travel

A box lunch will be provided on the first two days, and is included in the registration fee. All other meals are on your own. Overnight accommodations will be available. Visit the MRPA website at mnrpa.org for details.

Accommodations Request

A candidate who has a disability may request a special accommodation; the request must be submitted in writing at the time of course or exam registration. In order to properly accommodate all persons with disabilities it is recommended that all requests be made 45 days prior to the scheduled date for the course and exam.

English as a second language (ESL) candidates may request a time extension and/or the use of a strict translation dictionary. Request forms/fees must be submitted to NRPA no less than 30 days prior to the exam. The request form is available online at www.nrpa.org/cpsi. The course host will work cooperatively with NRPA to ensure all approved reasonable accommodations are met.

CPSI Exam - Computer-Based Training

The option to take the CPSI exam via computer-based testing is available through the NRPA. To obtain additional information please visit www.nrpa.org/cpsi. Please be advised if you register to take the examination with the course, you will not receive a refund to take your 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.

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CPSI Registration Form

Registration Deadline: October 4, 2023 or until filled • Class size is a minimum of 25 and maximum of 40 participants.

Please complete this form and return it with payment to:
Minnesota Recreation and Park Association • Attn: CPSI Training
200 Charles Street NE • Fridley, MN 55432

OCTOBER CLASS

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address (materials will be mailed to this address): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ **Tel:** _____

Must be unique to the registrant as a confirmation will be sent to this email address

Candidates sitting for the certification exam must be 18 or older, and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Registrant is 18 years of age or older? Yes No Registrant has high school diploma or equivalent? Yes No

Study Materials

Study materials will be sent upon receipt of registration and payment. Please call 763.571.1305 x100 if you haven't received your study materials at least two weeks prior to the program start. Participants must register by Wednesday, October 4, 2023 in order to ensure you receive your preparation materials in advance of the course.

	MRPA or NRPA Member	All Other Registrations
<input type="checkbox"/> Both CPSI Course and Exam	\$630	\$720
<input type="checkbox"/> CPSI Course Only	\$485	\$550
<input type="checkbox"/> Certification Exam Only	\$145	\$160
<input type="checkbox"/> International Shipping, Please Add \$40	\$ 40	\$ 40

Total Registration Fee (U.S. Funds) \$ _____

Payment Method:

- Check Enclosed or Requested. Make checks payable to MRPA
- Visa or Mastercard at mnrpa.org

Cancellation / Substitution Policy:

Cancellations must be submitted in writing and received by October 4 in order to receive a refund of the registration fee less \$250 for manuals, plus a \$125 service charge.

No refunds will be granted if request is received after one month prior. No transfers to future courses are allowed. Alternate attendees may be sent by calling MRPA.