

Certified Playground Safety Inspector Blended Learning Course and Exam

Virtual Session: April 8, 2021
Virtual Session: April 9, 2021



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.

Blended Course Information

NRPA has transitioned the traditional in-person CPSI course into a blended learning course due to COVID-19. This blended course will consist of the following three steps: (a) 12 hours of online, self-directed learning course preparation; (b) a four-hour live virtual session with an instructor; and (c) a computer-based exam at a testing site or remote proctored exam with compatible computer at home or work.

Step One: CPSI Online, Self-Directed Learning Course

After registration, course registrants will receive an email with information on how to access the CPSI online learning course. This online course is self-paced and approximately 12 hours in length. NRPA and Minnesota Recreation and Park Association encourage participants to complete the online learning course prior to the live virtual session. CPSI study manuals will be mailed to registrants.

Step Two: Live Virtual Session

A CPSI instructor will lead the four-hour live virtual session, which will be conducted via the Zoom video platform. The session will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. MRPA will offer two live virtual session options in April, 2021. Additional dates may be added as needed. Each live virtual session must reach a minimum of 20 registrants. NRPA may choose to combine or cancel classes if there aren't 20 participants per class.

Step Three: CPSI Certification Exam

Participant information will be sent to the professional testing company. Participants will then be sent an email with information on how to schedule the exam at a nearby testing facility and their expiration date (set for 90 days following entry into the professional testing company's database). Registrants may schedule the exam based on their schedule and the testing company's schedule. Upon passing the exam, a person will be certified through National Recreation and Park Association as a certified playground safety inspector for a three year period. Certificates will be awarded and the registrant's name will be added to a national roster of certified playground safety inspectors.

Additional Information:

- Upon registration, MRPA sends the registration roster to NRPA when a minimum of 20 participants per class has registered. NRPA will then email the access link for the online learning course and the link for the virtual session to registrants. The testing company will also communicate via email with registrants to schedule the computer-based exam.
- Participants must complete both the CPSI online learning course and the CPSI live virtual session to receive 1.5 CEUs.
- If any special accommodations are required, please visit the NRPA website at www.nrpa.org/cpsi to obtain the necessary paperwork.

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CPSI Registration Form
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ **Tel:** _____

Must be unique to the registrant as all live virtual session information 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

Please Selection Your Date Choice for the Live Virtual Session

NRPA may choose to combine or cancel classes if there aren't 20 participants per class. MRPA will send a confirmation email.

April 8, 2021 -- from 8 a.m. to 12 noon central time

April 9, 2021 -- from 8 a.m. to 12 noon central time

Registration Options:

- Both CPSI Course and Exam \$570
- CPSI Course Only \$430
- Certification Exam Only \$140
- International Shipping, Please Add \$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 one month prior to the scheduled class 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, and/or the registrant has begun the online learning course. No transfers to future courses are allowed.