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FACT SHEET

FAQ* about the National Playground Safety Institute's course and exam

Why is this course important to attend?

- California is the first state to go one step further in creating strict regulations regarding playground safety with the Playground Safety Bill SB 2733.
- All entities with playgrounds are now required to conform to regulations requiring initial inspections, routine inspections, and maintenance. Persons certified by NPSI as a CPSI are required to perform the initial inspections/audits.
- The National Playground Safety Institutes' (NPSI) Playground Safety Certification Courses are intended to provide training for individuals interested in becoming Certified Playground Inspectors—giving them authority to examine playgrounds for compliance with the State of California regulations titled R-39-97.

What is SB 2733 and AB 1055?

- SB 2733 was signed into law on September 21, 1990. This Bill requires strict regulations governing the design, installation and maintenance of playgrounds and inform playground operators of safety hazards, encouraging improvements. CA Department of Health Services was responsible for the development of the regulations. AB 1055 was signed into law October 7, 1999 to include funding opportunities for playground repair.

Who should attend?

- Administrators, Supervisor Personnel, Public Works Departments, Planning Departments, Building & Grounds Maintenance Staff, Engineers, Architects, Playground Equipment Company Representatives, Operators & Caretakers of all outdoor playgrounds.

Tell me about the course

- This course is the most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods offered in North America. Advanced reading and fifteen hours of training from nationally known playground safety experts will prepare you for the Certified Playground Safety Inspector examination offered at the conclusion of this certification course.
- Passing the Certified Playground Safety Inspector Exam provides certification for three years. To maintain certification, the Inspector re-sits for the exam.
- Additional information can be obtained through the National Recreation & Park Association website at www.nrpa.org.
- Dates for California courses can be found at www.cprs.org under Playground Safety, NPSI Training.

What is the National Playground Safety Institute?

- NPSI provides the most current comprehensive training program on public playground safety including the development and distribution of playground training and safety products. Instructors of the Playground Safety Courses are members of NPSI.

How do I register for the course?

- Download registration information at www.cprs.org or contact CPRS for a registration form by calling 916/665-2777 or training@cprs.org. Members of CPRS or NRPA receive discounted registration fees.