

NPSI – National Playground Safety Institute

June 8 & 9, 2005

Spokane, Washington

Safety Inspector Certification **Exam** on June 10th

Presented by
WRPA, NRPA and
WRPA Park Resource Section

ESD 101- CONFERENCE CENTER 4202 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

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NPSI -- You should know what it means.

The National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) promotes children's rights to play and promotes nationally the importance play has to a child's development.

Did you know? According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, it is estimated that each year over 205,850 injuries occur on playgrounds and approximately fifteen children will die from playground related injuries.

This course is the most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods offered anywhere. **Advanced reading** and fifteen hours of training from nationally known playground safety experts will prepare participants to "sit" for the Certified Playground Safety Inspector Examination offered at the culmination of the certification course.

Topics include:

- ➔ Identifying hazards on playgrounds
- ➔ Developing risk management tools
- ➔ Legal aspects of having a comprehensive safety program
- ➔ Test methods for entrapment, protrusions and entanglements

This course is a must for staff from park and recreation agencies, schools districts, child care facilities, health departments, landscape architecture firms, playground manufacturers, installers or contractors, insurance firms and others responsible for play equipment areas or playgrounds. Help our children by designing, installing, and maintaining safe playgrounds.

**Don't wait for the deadline to register. This class always fills early.
Just ask the 20 people on the waiting list from our March class. ☺**

Please **fax** the completed registration form to **360-459-4160**,
before April 22nd.

Application accepted on a "first come first served basis."

Keep and eye on our web page at wrpatoday.org or click here => _____

NPSI – General Information READ THIS PAGE!

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Class Information:

Class minimum is 40 people with a maximum of 80.

Class check-in is between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. Class generally ends at 5:00 p.m.

See “Daily Schedule” topics and daily routines.

Lunch and refreshments are provided each day.

A play equipment field trip is given the afternoon of the second day, dress accordingly. We go out in any weather.

Attendance will be taken various times throughout the class.

You must attend the entire 15 hours of training to be eligible to sit for the exam.

Registration Information:

Registration is on a “first come, first served” basis.

The fax date and time stamp on the received registration will give the **priority order** for class list and subsequent waiting list. A waiting list will be maintained. **Those who are on the March 2005 Waiting List will be given 1st Priority for the Spokane Class, if their completed Spokane NPSI form is received by March 4, 2005**

One completed Registration Form per person.

Registration **must have a valid e-mail address** for communication purposes. Please don't make me call you.

\$350 fee for the two-day course includes tuition, books, study outline, and lunch and snacks for both days.

Fax the completed registration form to WRPA at **FAX: 360-459-4160**.

Study Material: **READ THE STUDY MATERIAL**. All participants registered prior to April 22, 2005 will receive the NPSI textbooks and materials before arriving at the course. If class is not full, all registrations received after April 22 will receive materials on site or will be shipped overnight at the attendee's expense. A **\$15** rush mail will be charged for Canadian participants or late registrants. **NOTE:** Less than 30 days **study** generally leads to exam failure.

Exam: If you are planning to take the test please mark the box (\$100 additional fee) on the registration form. You must have taken the NPSI course within the last 12 months to take the exam without taking the course again. The exam check-in is between 8:00 a.m. and 8:55 a.m. The exam starts at 9:00 a.m. with or without you. Photo ID and a Demographic Survey (provided in your notebook) are need for entry into the exam. **NEW: We will provide you a 9-digit number that MUST be used on the Demographic Survey, Sign-in Sheet, and the Exam answer sheet.** EXAM ONLY registrations must be received 30 days before the class date.

Certification Renewal is \$100. You must have passed the test within the past three years before you can mark this box and sign up for the exam without taking the class. **Certification Renewal** registrations must be received 30 days before the class date. Here is the link to NRPA.org to get Certification Renewal Info: <http://nrpa.org/content/default.aspx?documentId=1001>

Cancellation Policy:

Registration fee less \$120 WRPA service charge and \$100 NRPA charge will be refunded if cancellation is made after April 22, 2005, or after the books are mailed, which ever date is first. After April 22, name substitutions only will be allowed up to 30 days before the class date. A \$50 fee will be assessed for name changes occurs after this date. All refund requests must be made in writing and consideration will not be made until after the NPSI training

Payment Policy:

Make **checks** payable to: WRPA, 4405-7th Avenue S.E., Suite 202, Lacey, WA 98503 [Toll Free phone 888-459-0009]

NOTE: There will be a 10 % WRPA service charge for any returned check.

VISA or **Master Card** accepted.

Purchase Orders accepted—there will be a 10 % WRPA service charge for any account not settled within 45 days of the course if a Purchase Order is used.

Hotel Information:

Here is a web page link to hotel/motels in Spokane Washington.

<http://www.hotelsbycity.com/washington/spokane-hotels.html?OVRAW=spokane%20washington&OVKEY=spokane%20wa&OVMTTC=standard>

Questions:

Please contact Rick Still, NPSI Volunteer, at 206-767-2344 or rstill@ci.tukwila.wa.us.

NPSI SPOKANE – Registration Form

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FAX to WRPA at 360-459-4160

Before April 22nd, 2005

“First Come . . . First Served”

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY** **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name _____ Title _____

Agency _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

EMAIL: **Must have a valid email. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

- I understand that I must **READ THE STUDY MATERIAL**. Box **must be checked** to validate registration.
- I require special assistance _____
- \$350 NPSI Course June 8 & 9, 2005 \$ _____
(Tuition & Books, Class is from 8am to 5pm each day)
- \$Canadian Postage Fee [\$15.00 if going to Canada] \$ _____
\$ _____
- \$100 NPSI Exam June 10, 2005 \$ _____
Optional, however must take and pass to become a Certified Playground Safety Inspector.
Must have taken the NSPI Course within the past 12 months to take the exam.
Check in between 8:00 to 8:55am. Test starts at 9:00am with or without you.
- Renewal Only ----- Renewal Only ----- Renewal Only ----- Renewal Only -----
- \$100 Certification Renewal Exam \$ _____
Must have passed the Certification Exam within the last three years to not have to take the NPSI course again. See General Information

Total Fees Due \$

Payment To: WRPA, 4405-7th Avenue S.E., Suite 202, Lacey, WA 98503 [Toll Free phone 888-459-0009].

Payment Method: Check/Money Order # _____ Purchase Order # _____

Visa/Master Card Account # _____
Name as it appears on card: _____

Expiration Date _____ Signature _____

- Lunch Choices:** Please mark one box for each day and for the appropriate T-shirt size.
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| June 8 | June 9 | Park Resource Section |
| Pizza Lunch | BOX Lunch | T-shirt size (class attendees only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> XXL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pepperoni | <input type="checkbox"/> Ham | <input type="checkbox"/> XL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ham & Pineapple | <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> L |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie | <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie | |
- If boxes aren't marked you will not receive lunch or t-shirt.**

NPSI – Daily Schedule

June 8th, 9th & 10th, 2005

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

FOR THE NATIONAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTOR
CERTIFICATION COURSE AND EXAM

ESD 101- CONFERENCE CENTER 4202 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

June 8, 2005

Topic or Event

Time	Topic
7:30- 8:00 AM	Registration & Coffee
8:00- 8:30	Welcome & Introduction
8:30- 9:00	Historical Perspectives/Foundation and Injury Statistics
9:00- 9:15	Break
9:15- 11:15	Hazard ID Part 1
11:15-12:00pm	Group exercise with panels
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Hazard ID Part 2
2:00-3:00	Hazard ID Part 3
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15- 4:00	Surfacing and Use Zone
4:00- 4:30	Accessibility
4:30- 4:45	Exam Preparation
4:45- 5:00	Question & Answer

June 9, 2005

Topic or Event

Time	Topic
8:00- 9:15 AM	Risk Reduction
9:30- 9:45	Break
9:45- 11:45	Risk Reduction Exercise
11:45- 12:00	Question & Answer
12:00- 1:00	Lunch
1:00- 3:15	Site Visit
3:15- 3:30	Break
3:30- 4:30	Site visit wrap up
4:30- 5:00	Question & Answer (Program Ends)

June 10, 2005

Exam

8:00 – 8:55 AM	Check in. <i>DO NOT BE LATE</i> (it takes time to check everyone in) (BRING <u>Photo ID</u> , <u>Demographic Survey</u> and <u>#2 pencils</u>) Note → WE CAN START AS SOON AS EVERYONE HAS CHECKED IN
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9:00 – 11:00 am

Inspector Certification EXAM

WE WILL START AT 9:00 WITH OR WITHOUT YOU!

NPSI – Exam Content

June 10th, 2005

Check in by 8:55am

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- I. The Playground Safety Milieu – **5%**
 - A. The historical evolution of the Playground Safety Movement
 - B. U.S. organizations and governmental agencies involvement
- II. Role of Child Development – **5%**
 - A. Characteristics of users
 - 1. anthropometrics
 - 2. disabilities
 - B. Range of users - age appropriateness
- III. The Foundation of Playground Safety Surfacing – **16%**
 - A. Impact attenuation criteria - critical height
 - B. Use zones - dimensions and overlap
 - C. Surface testing: what, how, who
 - D. Unitary surface products
 - E. Loose-fill surfacing materials
 - F. Accessibility - approach
- IV. The Playground Infrastructure: The Equipment – **32%**
 - A. Fall height
 - B. Performance requirements
 - 1. head and neck entrapment
 - 2. sharp points and sharp edges
 - 3. protrusions
 - 4. entanglement
 - 5. pinch, crush, and shear points
 - 6. suspended hazards
 - C. Guardrails & Protective Barriers
 - D. Structural characteristics
 - E. Installation
 - F. Specific types of playground equipment
 - 1. balance beams
 - 2. climbers
 - 3. upper body equipment
 - 4. sliding poles
 - 5. slides
 - 6. swings
 - 7. equipment not recommended
 - 8. moving, rotating, or rocking components
 - 9. roller slides
 - 10. seesaws
 - 11. spring rocking equipment
 - 12. log rolls
 - 13. track rides
 - 14. roofs
 - 15. climbing ropes
- V. The Playground Layout and Design – **15%**
 - A. Equipment placement
 - B. Age separation
 - C. Specific equipment relationships
 - D. Orientation and other environmental factors
 - E. Master planning
 - F. Labeling and signage
 - G. Accessibility
- VI. Playground Safety Practices/ Management – **27%**
 - A. Safety Audits
 - B. Safety inspections
 - C. Maintenance
 - 1. routine
 - 2. periodic
 - 3. preventive
 - D. Playground evaluations
 - 1. priorities
 - 2. documentation
 - 3. record keeping
 - E. Repair and replacement factors
 - F. Supervision of playground
 - G. Risk Reduction
 - H. Preparation for litigation
 - I. Risk management
 - J. Staff training and evaluation
 - K. Status: injury data, causes, equipment-related injuries, etc.
 - L. Common playground concerns: hazards, sanitation, vandalism

NPSI – Map to ESD 101- CONFERENCE CENTER

4202 S. Regal, Spokane, WA

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Here is the ESD 101 Link for directions and map

<http://www.esd101.net/locmap.html>

or to make the Yahoo map below interactive click below:

http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?zoomin=yes&name=&ed=Bk_Bkup_01pGJmoTaU6SR5vQsePM15gtSehjeTMYVxM6wnM.T2ym85izKOKB3v807mJUBEOvelncM8WNaW1sp0CVgPeW13.W0vQmExPadA--&state=WA&csz=Spokane%2CWA-99223-7738&ds=n&zip=99223&mag=3&desc=&country=US&dma=881&cat=&resize=1&trf=0&rezoom=0&intl=us&compass=&pan_x=0&pan_y=0&panable=1

Use the North Parking Lot

