

National Recreation and Park Association Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course & Exam

May 1-3, 2018

Pioneer Park Civic Center, 2300 Airport Way, Fairbanks AK



Who Should Attend...?

- ⇒ Administrators
- ⇒ Park Maintenance Staff
- ⇒ Planning Departments
- ⇒ Public Works Departments
- ⇒ Risk Management Departments
- ⇒ Supervisory Personnel
- ⇒ School Districts
- ⇒ Grounds Maintenance Staff
- ⇒ Building & Grounds Supervisor
- ⇒ Private Schools
- ⇒ Engineers & Architects
- ⇒ Playground Equipment Reps
- ⇒ Operators of Playgrounds in Parks, Schools, Summer Camps, Day Camps, Day-Care Centers.
- ⇒ Agencies such as:
YMCA, YWCA, Boys & Girls Club, Athletic Leagues
- ⇒ Any other Organizations Responsible for Playground Equipment Safety.



**Certified
Playground
Safety Inspector**

Are your playgrounds safe?

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission each year approximately 205,000 pre-school and school age children receive emergency department care for injuries on playground equipment. In a 1999 survey approximately 76% of these accidents occurred on public parks and school playgrounds.

- How does your equipment measure up?
- How many preventable injuries occurred in your parks or your school playgrounds?

Program Highlights:

- Injury Statistics
- History of Playground Equipment
- Hazard Identification
- Safe Surfacing Materials
- Playground Equipment Accessibility
- Off-Site Park Visit
- Safety Management
- Audit Objectives & Procedures
- Maintenance Procedures & Standards
- Question & Answer Session
- Exam Study Time



Certification Benefits:

- Required for many Parks & Recreation Jobs
- Network with other playground people in your area
- Improve your resume
- Increase awareness on safety issues
- Feel more confident knowing current playground standards
- May reduce liability insurance for your playground

Each Participant will receive:

ASTM F1487-17 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specifications for Playground Equipment for Public Use; CPSC Handbook for Public Playground Safety; ASTM F2223-15 Standard Guide for ASTM Standards on Playground Surfacing; ASTM F1292-17 Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials Within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment; Supplemental material and in class workbook material.

To register, call 907-488-1655

or

Fax 907-290-2449 Attn: Ricky Borland

GENERAL INFORMATION

**REGISTER EARLY TO RECEIVE YOUR
TEXT BOOK AND STUDY MATERIALS IN
ADVANCE**

COURSE LOCATION & HOURS

Course location:

Located at: Pioneer Park Civic Center, Fairbanks AK

Site Location:

Class will run 8am-5pm on both Tuesday, May 1st and Wednesday, May 2nd 2018.

Exam check in will begin at 8am on Thursday May 3rd, Exam will begin at 9am and end at 11am.

CLASS SIZE

Minimum of 25 people and a maximum of 80
Registration is on a first come first serve basis

CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration fee less \$25 ARPA Service Charge and \$100 NRPA charge for textbook materials and shipping expenses will be refunded if cancellation is made more than two weeks in advance. All refund requests must be made in writing and consideration will not be made until after the seminar. Substitutions for those unable to attend will be allowed.

CEU CREDIT

Earn 1.5 CEU credits while participating in this course. A "CEU" is obtained by participating in an organizational experience under responsible sponsorship and qualified instruction.

REGISTRATION

All participants registered prior to **4/1/2018** will receive the NRPA textbooks before arriving at the course. All registrations received after **4/1/2018** will receive materials on site or will be shipped overnight at attendees expense. **Less than 21 days of pre-course study generally leads to exam failure.**

CERTIFICATION EXAM

The certification exam will be given on the morning of Thursday May 3rd, 2018. The certification is valid for three years and is renewable by exam. Those passing the exam will be added to the online directory of Certified Playground Safety Inspectors.

The option to take the CPSI exam via Computer Based testing is now available through NRPA. For more information visit www.nrpa.org/cpsi.

Candidates for the CPSI Certification Exam must be 18 or older and have earned a high school diploma or equivalent.

QUESTIONS

Please contact:

Ricky Borland at rborland@fnsb.us or 907-488-1655

Certified Playground Safety Inspector Content Outline	
1. DESIGN AND INSTALLATION	15 questions
A. Evaluate site for potential installation	
B. Specify layout of play environment.	
C. Select equipment based on age appropriateness, child development, accessibility, durability, community input, etc.	
D. Select surfacing materials based on age appropriateness, child development, accessibility, durability, community input, etc.	
E. Evaluate minimum accessibility safety requirements of the play environment	
F. Ensure that installation of equipment is in compliance with current ASTM Standard and CPSC guidelines	
G. Ensure that installation of equipment meets manufacturer's recommendations	
H. Ensure that installation of surfacing materials is in compliance with current ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines (field test or laboratory test)	
2. AUDIT AND INSPECTION	59 questions
A. Inventory equipment	
B. Inventory installation documentation, maintenance instructions, and compliance documentation	
C. Identify equipment not recommended for playgrounds.	
D. Verify play environment (shade, drainage, use zones, etc.) is compliant with requirements	
E. Use inspection tools and gauges to identify conditions compliant and non-compliant with current ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines	
F. Verify compliance with equipment performance requirements	
G. Identify hazards such as: entanglement, sharp edges/points, impalement (protrusions), overhead obstructions, head entrapment, suspended components, neck entrapment, falls, crush and shear	
H. Determine fall heights of equipment	
I. Verify compliance of surfacing materials (compliance documentation, field test or laboratory test)	
J. Verify compliance with accessible route standards	
K. Verify that use zones meet current ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines	
L. Establish schedule of inspections (high-frequency, low frequency)	
M. Identify differences in content for high-frequency and low frequency inspections	
N. Create inspection forms	
O. Document hazards and non-compliant situations with citation of relevancy	
P. Apply professional judgment in accordance with current ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines to evaluate equipment not listed	
Q. Assess conditions for potential hazards	
R. Prioritize hazards and non-compliant situations	
S. Make recommendations regarding corrective action	
3. MAINTENANCE	11 questions
A. Maintain loose-fill surfacing for accessibility	
B. Maintain loose-fill surfacing for impact attenuation compliant with ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines	
C. Recommend corrective actions to bring conditions into compliance with ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines	
D. Recommend that corrective actions are performed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations	
E. Develop a preventative maintenance program	
F. Follow a preventative maintenance program	
G. Take equipment out of service	
4. RISK MANAGEMENT/DOCUMENTATION/REPORTING	10 questions
A. Develop an operating procedure for documentation and record keeping	
B. Implement an operating procedure for documentation and record keeping	
C. Maintain site history files	
D. Maintain inspection records	
E. Maintain repair and maintenance records	
F. Remain current with industry trends and recalls	
G. Train staff on principles of playground safety	
H. Follow the CPSI Code of Professional Conduct.	
TEST DEVELOPMENT	5 questions
A. Beta test questions included that are not calculated into the final score.	

HOTEL INFORMATION



Westmark Hotels
813 Noble St.
Fairbanks, AK 99701
800-544-0907 (Reservations)

Westmark Hotels has graciously offered a reduced rate. Rooms are \$75.00 per night + tax. Use code CPSI2018
Make your reservations directly with the hotel or online at westmarkhotels.com

Registration Form

National Recreation and Park Association

Certified Playground Safety Inspector

Course & Exam

Course Date: May 1 - 2, 2018; Exam Date: May 3, 2018

Please complete this form for each participant, and return with payment

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15th, 2018 for those taking both course and exam.

Course begins at 8am and ends at 5pm on both days.

Check-in for Exam begins at 8am, the exam begins at 9:15am and ends at 11:15am.



Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Agency: _____

Street Address: _____

(Shipping Address - Textbooks will be sent to the above address, please provide a street address, no P.O. boxes)

COURSE MANUAL SHOULD BE STUDIED BEFORE ATTENDING THE COURSE

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Fax: (____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Current Certification # (if previously certified): _____

Special Assistance or Special Dietary Needs: _____

Playground Safety Certification Course Current ARPA MEMBER \$420 _____

Playground Safety Certification Course (3 or more registrants) \$370 (each) _____

Advance reading is highly recommended for those individuals taking the exam, one month prior is suggested.

Playground Safety Certification Course (NON -ARPA MEMBER RATE) \$500 _____

If you are not a member and would like to join and take advantage of the reduced rate, submit an attached ARPA membership form, includes a \$40 ARPA Membership fee

Registrations received after **4/1/2018** Current ARPA Member \$460 _____

Registrations received after **4/1/2018** Non-ARPA Member \$540 _____

Textbooks will be mailed to those registering prior to 4/1/18. Registrants after 4/1/18 will not receive their resource materials until they arrive on site unless they pay overnight shipping charges. Less than 21 days of pre-course study generally leads to exam failure.

National Certification Exam: \$120 _____

(Photo ID required for admission)

TOTAL FEES: _____

INCLUDES A TWO DAY COURSE INCLUDING A PLAYGROUND AUDIT, COFFEE BREAKS, AND TWO LUNCHES.

PAYMENT METHOD:

_____ Check/Money Order # _____

_____ Purchase Order # _____

_____ Credit Card Payment COMPLETE ATTACHED CREDIT CARD CHARGE FORM

Checks should be made payable to: Alaska Recreation and Parks Association

SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:

ARPA

Attention: Ricky Borland

1920 Lathrop St.

Fairbanks, AK 99701



Alaska Recreation & Parks Association
1920 Lathrop St.
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Credit Card Charge Form

This authorizes Alaska Recreation and Parks Association to charge my credit card

CARD HOLDER INFORMATION

Company Name:	Name on Card:
Card Holder Billing Address	
City:	State: Zip:
Telephone:	Email Address:

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Card Type: Visa MasterCard Discover

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card Identification Number: _____
(3 digit code on the back of card)

Charge Amount: \$ _____

Authorized Card Holder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

COURSE AGENDA

Day 1

- 7:30-8:00am Registration
- 8:00-9:00am Course Introduction and Injury Statistics
- 9:00-12:00pm Hazard ID Parts 1 & 2
- 12:00-1:00pm LUNCH
- 1:00-2:00pm Applied Exercise 1 – Use of test probes and gauges
- 2:00-4:30pm Hazard ID Parts 3 & 4
- 4:30-5:00pm Exam Prep/Q & A Period/
Homework Assignment

Day 2

- 8:00-9:30am Surfacing Parts 1 & 2
- 9:30-11:00am Risk Management
- 11:00-12:00pm Applied Exercise 2 – Hazard ID Prioritization
- 12:00-1:00pm LUNCH
- 1:00-3:00pm Applied Exercise 3 – Site Investigation

- 3:30-4:30pm Site Investigation Wrap Up
- 4:30-5:00pm Question & Answer Period (Program Ends)
- *Breaks will be taken as needed

Day 3

- 8:00-9:00am Check in
- 9:00-9:15am Exam Instruction
- 9:15-11:15am 2-hour Certification Examination

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.





Alaska Recreation & Park Association Membership Application

New Member Last Name _____
Renewal First Name _____
Info Update Employer/University _____
Department _____ Position _____
Address 1 _____
Address 2 _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone # 1 _____ Phone # 2 _____
Fax _____ Email _____

Type of Membership

Professional: \$40 Organization: \$150
Citizen: \$25 Commercial: \$50
Lifetime: \$300 Agency: \$150 Student: \$0

Special Interest Section (one included with membership—each additional only \$5)

Aquatics Citizen Boards Parks Maintenance
Recreation Services TR & Adaptive Rec Wildlands

Method of Payment

Credit Card Card Number _____
Visa Name of Cardholder _____
MasterCard Exp. Date _____ CVV# _____
Authorized Signature _____

Check (enclosed) Purchase Order - Please Invoice Me

Please mail to: Alaska Recreation and Parks Association
Attn: Ricky Borland
1920 Lathrop St.
Fairbanks, AK 99701





Alaska Recreation & Park Association Membership Information

Membership Types

Professional: Current park or recreation professional. *\$40 (\$30 if organization or employer is a member of ARPA)*

Organization: Any non-profit organizations supporting ARPA. Non-voting member. *\$150*

Agency: Agencies with a board or commission. Each board member receives voting privileges. *\$150*

Commercial: Commercial corporations & businesses which support ARPA. *\$50*

Citizen: Alaska resident not eligible for professional membership but wishing to support ARPA. *\$25*

Life: For professional and citizen members only. *\$300*

Student: Currently enrolled in a park, recreation, or related university curriculum. *No fee*

Honorary: Appointed by ARPA for life for special contribution to the profession. *No Fee*

Special Interest Sections

ARPA members who wish to focus their involvement are eligible to belong to one or more Special Interest Sections. One Special Interest Section is free with membership. Additional affiliations are \$5 each.

Aquatics: To provide public awareness of water safety through the development and promotion of performance standards for aquatic professionals and to provide opportunities for quality training and instruction in facility and risk management, water safety techniques and program development.

Citizen Member: To enhance communication between board/commission members and professionals in the field of Parks and Recreation, and to coordinate training opportunities for board members throughout Alaska.

Park Maintenance: To develop, improve and disseminate park maintenance standards applicable to facilities and landscapes in a northern environment, and to encourage professional excellence in the field.

Recreation Services: To provide a network, services and resources for the betterment of all Alaskans.

Therapeutic & Adaptive Recreation: To promote, educate and share resources on providing opportunities for people with disabilities and senior populations.

Wildlands: To provide and promote appropriate wildland recreation opportunities on public and private wildlands in Alaska.