

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

May 1-3, 2019

Spenard Community Recreation Center
2020 W. 48th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska



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.



REGISTER ONLINE!

www.arapa21.wildapricot.org/

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



**Certified
Playground
Safety Inspector**

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.

**COURSE MANUAL SHOULD BE STUDIED
BEFORE ATTENDING THE COURSE**

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

DESIGN FOR SAFETY

- Why safety problems are caused by design
- How to evaluate a proposed playground
- The impact of layout and environment on safety
- Safety in custom design

IDENTIFYING HAZARDS

- The difference between a risk and a hazard
- Hazards in children's play and supervision
- Hazards in playground equipment
- The impact of poor maintenance on playground safety.
- Test methods for determining hazards

SPECIFIC SAFETY CONCERNS

- Head entrapment, entanglement and protrusion
- Pinch crush-shear points
- Age appropriate equipment

STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

- The U.S. Consumer Safety Product Safety Commission Handbook for Public Playground Safety
- The latest ASTM Standard
- Revised 2010 CPSC Guidelines
- Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use
- The difference between the documents and how they should be used

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
- Design of playground equipment 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 the accessibility requirement and also provide safety

RISK MANAGEMENT

- How to develop risk management tools
- Audit tools
- How to prioritize a master plan for upgrading your playground
- Legal ramifications of your risk management

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

LOCATION & HOURS

Spenard Community Recreation Center, Anchorage, AK
Class will run 8am-5pm on both Wednesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd 2019.

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

CLASS SIZE

Minimum of 40 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 1.2 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 **4/1/2019** will receive the NPSCC textbooks and materials before arriving at the course. All registrations received after **4/1/2019** will receive materials on site or will be shipped overnight at attendee's 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 Friday May 3rd, 2019. The certification is valid for three years and is renewable by exam. Those passing the exam will be added to a National Society 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 under CPSI.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Jason Jones at jjones@fnsb.us
(907) 459-1275 Fax (907) 459-1199

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Lakeshore Inn & Suites has graciously offered a reduced rate. Rooms are \$89.71 per night *including* tax.

Book by April 24th to insure availability and discount.

Make your reservations directly with the hotel and request the discount for: **Certified Playground Safety Inspector**
Lakeshore Inn & Suites • 3009 Lake Shore Drive • Anchorage, Alaska 99503 • (907) 248-3485 (Reservations)

Registration Form

National Recreation and Park Association

Certified Playground Safety Inspector

Course & Exam

Course Date: May 1 - 3, 2019; Exam Date: May 3, 2019

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 1st, 2019 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: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____ Mobile: () _____

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	\$
Playground Safety Certification Course*.....	Non-ARPA Member.....	\$500	\$

Registrations received after 4/1/19.....	Current ARPA Member.....	\$460	\$
Registrations received after 4/1/19.....	Non-ARPA Member.....	\$540	\$
National Certification Exam.....	(photo ID required for admission).....	\$120	\$

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

PAYMENT METHOD

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check/Money Order # _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase Order # _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	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:

Alaska Recreation and Parks Association • P.O. Box 100161 • Anchorage, Alaska 99510-0161

- Textbooks will be mailed to those registering prior to 4/1/19.
- Registrants after 4/1/19 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.**
- Course includes two days of instruction, playground site visit and two provided lunches.



ALASKA RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 100161 • ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510-0161

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: _____

CVV Code: _____ (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

**Breaks will be taken as needed*

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)

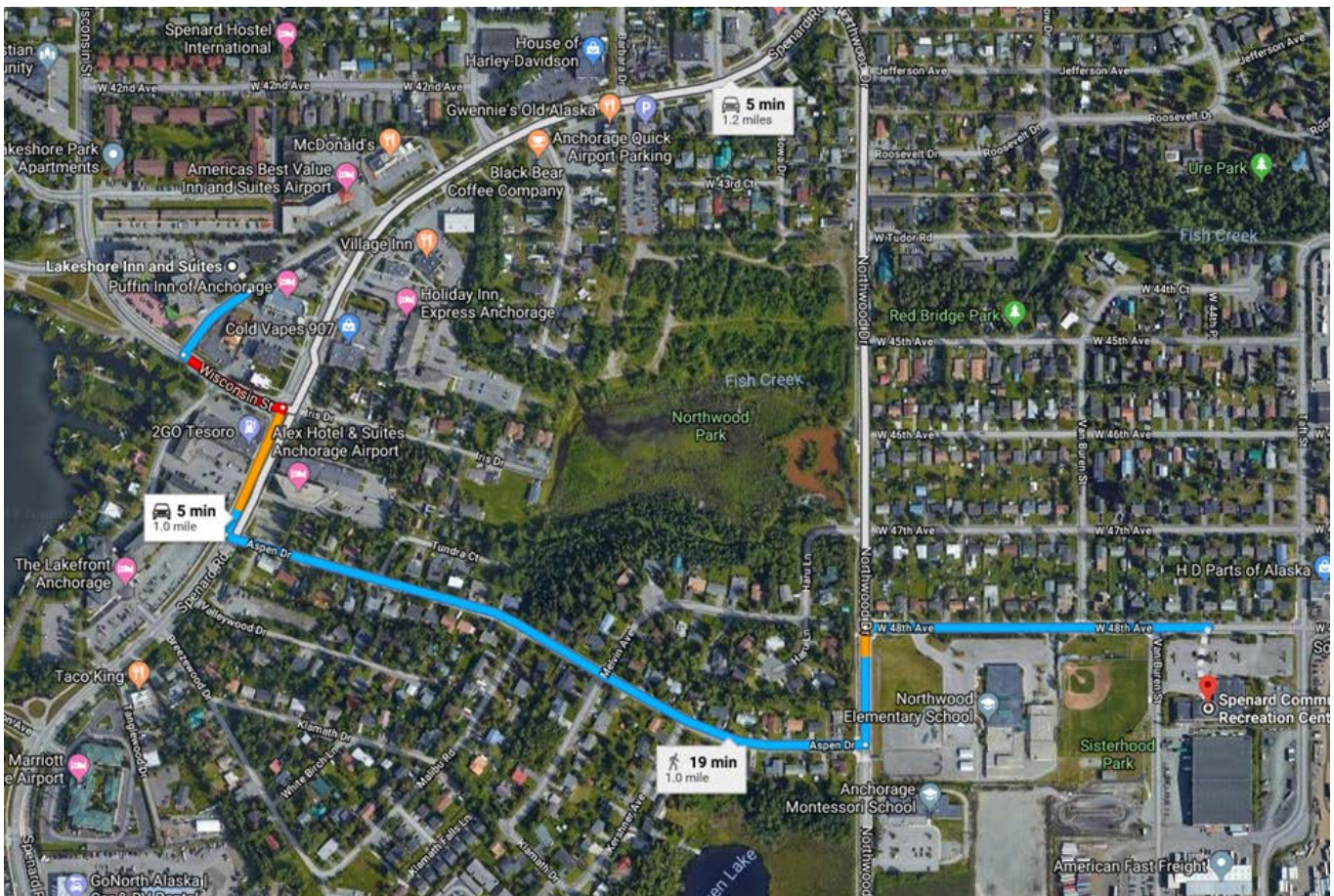
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DAY 3

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

**Breaks will be taken as needed*

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

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

EMPLOYER: _____ DEPARTMENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

POSITION: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

PROFESSIONAL-\$40 AGENCY-\$150 CITIZEN-\$25 STUDENT-NO FEE
 ORGANIZATION-\$150 COMMERCIAL-\$50 LIFETIME-\$300 HONORARY-NO FEE

SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION (one included with membership—each additional only \$5)

AQUATICS CITIZEN BOARDS PARKS MAINTENANCE
 RECREATION SERVICES TR & ADAPTIVE REC. WILDLANDS

PAYMENT METHOD

CARD TYPE: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXP. DATE: _____

CVV CODE: _____
(3 DIGIT CODE ON THE BACK OF CARD)

CHARGE AMOUNT: \$ _____

AUTHORIZED CARD HOLDER'S SIGNATURE:

DATE: _____

- CHECK (ENCLOSED)
 PURCHASE ORDER - PLEASE INVOICE ME

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ALASKA RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

PROFESSIONAL \$40

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

ORGANIZATION \$150

Any non-profit organizations supporting ARPA. Non-voting member.

AGENCY \$150

Agencies with a board or commission. Each board member receives voting privileges.

COMMERCIAL \$50

Commercial corporations & businesses which support ARPA.

CITIZEN \$25

Alaska resident not eligible for professional membership but wishing to support ARPA.

LIFETIME \$300

For professional and citizen members only.

STUDENT NO FEE

Currently enrolled in a park, recreation, or related university curriculum.

HONORARY NO FEE

Appointed by ARPA for life for special contribution to the profession.



SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

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.

AQUATIC

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.