



Certified Playground Safety Inspector

CPSI Educational Course and Certification Exam

University of Rhode Island

White Hall, Room 205

39 Butterfield Road, South Kingstown, Rhode Island 02881

Hosted by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (www.rilisc.org) and the Rhode Island Child Care and Early Learning Facilities Fund (www.riccelff.org), the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) course provides individuals with the proper training needed to recognize and prevent potential playground hazards and prepares them to take the Certified Playground Safety Inspector examination. CPSI certification gives inspectors the knowledge to inspect playgrounds for safety issues using current ASTM International standards and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines.

Nationally-recognized playground safety instructors provide participants with practical, hands-on instruction on how to apply the ASTM standards and the CPSC guidelines to playground environments. Course participants will learn how to

- Identify hazards on public playgrounds and playground equipment;
- Rank hazards according to injury potential; and
- Apply that knowledge and to establish a playground safety program.

Upon completion of the CPSI course, participants will have the knowledge needed to establish a sound risk reduction program; to create a system of repair, retrofit, and removal of hazardous equipment; and to set up a routine inspection system for their agency or client. Participants will also have the most up-to-date knowledge to prepare them to take the Certified Playground Safety Inspector examination.

Who Should Attend?

- ✓ Anyone who wants to become a Certified Playground Safety Inspector
- ✓ Landscape Architects
- ✓ Architects and Engineers
- ✓ Landscapers and Contractors
- ✓ School and Park Maintenance Personnel
- ✓ Playground Installers
- ✓ Child Care Center Administrators and Facility Personnel
- ✓ Public Works Staff
- ✓ Insurance Professionals
- ✓ State Regulators and Assessors
- ✓ Health and OSHA Inspectors



Course Overview & Schedule

Participants in the CPSI Classroom Course will gain practical, hands-on training on how to apply the ASTM standards and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines to playground environments for children ages 2-12 years of age.

What You Will Learn:

Identifying Hazards

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

Specific Safety Concerns

- Head entrapments, entanglements, and protrusions
- Pinch, crush, and shear points
- Age-appropriate equipment

Standards and Guidelines

- The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission Handbook for Playground Safety
- The ASTM Standard Consumer Product Safety 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 American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- The implications of providing accessibility without causing safety problems
- Playground equipment design 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 accessibility requirements and also provide safety

Risk Management

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

Design Safety

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

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Prior to June 10, 2015 - Advance Reading

Registrants will receive and must study the course manual prior to the CPSI class. NRPA recommends a minimum of three weeks to study prior to the class and exam.

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 - Classroom Instruction

7:30-8:00 a.m.	Registration Check-In
8:00-8:15	Welcome & Introductions
8:15-9:30	Course Introduction & Injury Statistics
9:30-9:45	Break
9:45-Noon	Hazard Identification: Parts 1 & 2
Noon-1:00 p. m.	Lunch
1:00-1:45	Applied Exercise #1: Use of Test Probes and Gauges
1:45-2:45	Hazard Identification: Part 3
2:45-3:00	Break
3:00-4:00	Hazard Identification: Part 4
4:00-4:45	Surfacing: Part 1
4:45-5:00	Exam Prep, Question & Answer Period, Homework Assignment

Thursday, June 11, 2015 - Classroom Instruction & Site Visit

8:00-8:45 a.m.	Surfacing: Part 2
8:45-9:15	Safety Management: Comprehensive Program/Audits
9:15-9:30	Break
9:30-10:00	Safety Management: Inspections & Maintenance
10:00-11:45	Applied Exercise #2: Hazard Identification Prioritization
11:45-Noon	Questions & Answers
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-3:15	Applied Exercise 3: Playground Site Investigation
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-4:30	Site Investigation Wrap-Up
4:30-5:00	Question & Answer Period

Friday, June 12, 2015 - Certification Examination

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Check-In (Government-Photo ID + 2 nd form of ID required)
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Exam Instruction & Certification Exam

Why Get CPSI Certification?

CPSI certification sets the standard for playground inspections and enables individuals to inspect playgrounds for safety issues using current ASTM and CPSC guidelines.

Learn more at www.nrpa.org/cpsi



CPSI Class Details

LOCATION: The CPSI Course and Exam will be held at the University of Rhode Island, White Hall Room 205, 39 Butterfield Rd, South Kingstown, RI. The course includes a playground site visit and inspection.

CERTIFICATION: CPSI certification is valid for three years. Individuals who seek their CPSI certification must take the CPSI exam. Recertification also requires taking the exam. Individuals who wish to recertify are encouraged to attend the CPSI educational course to ensure access to current materials and the latest information on playground safety and standards.

ADVANCE READING:

Registration includes a complete set of course materials. The course manual must be studied prior to the start of class on June 10. The exam may include questions about information in the manual which may or may not be covered during the class. NRPA recommends that class participants have at least three weeks to review and study materials in advance of the course and exam. Late registration allows less time for study, which may increase the chance of failing the exam. NRPA typically ships class materials within 1 to 2 days of registration. Participants who register by May 8 will receive course materials no later than May 22. Registrations received after May 8 must include rush shipping in order to receive materials no later than May 22.

CLASS SIZE: The CPSI course and exam are each limited to a maximum of 60 participants. A minimum of 30 participants is required to hold the course.

CEU: 1.2 continuing education credits are available for full course participants. Sign-in forms will be available during the two-day class.

CERTIFICATION EXAM: CPSI certification is valid for three years and is renewable by exam. The certification exam will be given on the morning of Friday, June 12. **Two forms of identification are required for the exam.** One must be a government-issued photo ID (drivers' license, passport, etc.); the second form of ID should contain your name and signature, such as a credit card, Social Security card, work ID (if signed), library card, etc. Notice of exam results will sent directly by NRPA or its testing agent. Those passing the exam are eligible to be listed in the national CPSI Registry.

NRPA offers the option to take the CPSI exam via computer-based testing. To obtain additional information about this option, please visit www.nrpa.org/cpsi. Please decide now if you would like to take the exam on June 12, on campus or later via NRPA's Computer Based Exam. Registrants for the June 12 exam will not receive a refund if they later decide to take the exam via NRPA's computer-based testing.

PRACTICE EXAM: Need a dry run on the certification exam? NRPA offers a practice test, which you can order and download for \$75 to \$90. Order from NRPA at <http://ipv.nrpa.org/store/> (search "CPSI") or call 800-626-NRPA (6772).

HOTEL INFORMATION: There are a limited number of rooms available at the Holiday Inn, South Kingstown, RI for a special rate of \$109/night on June 10th and June 11th. To make a reservation, either call 401-789-1051 (mention LISC), or go online to www.HolidayInn.com/skingstownri and use Group code: LIS

CPSI Course Registration Includes...

- Two days of instruction, including a hands-on playground site visit, with expert professionals
- Course materials (provided approximately 1 month ahead)
- Continental breakfast, lunch, and beverages
- Continuing education credits available

CPSI Exam Registration Includes...

- Administration of the CPSI exam on June 12 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Three year certification for those who complete and pass the exam

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Registration Information

Register for the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) class and exam online at www.riccelff.org. Individuals may register for both the CPSI class and exam, for just the class, or for just the exam. Please note that the CPSI exam and standards changed in 2014. Recent completion of the CPSI course is recommended for those choosing the exam-only option.

Registration Fees		Regular Registration (Received by May 8)	Late Registration* (May 8-May 20)
Rates	Class and Exam	\$510	\$560
	Class Only (no exam)	\$400	\$450
	Exam Only (no classroom instruction)	\$110	\$160

DEADLINE:

Participants are strongly encouraged to register by Friday, May 8, 2015 in order to allow adequate time to study course materials in advance. Registrations will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, but these registrants will not have the recommended time for advance study of course materials. NRPA recommends that participants have at least three weeks to review and study materials in advance of the course and exam; later registration allows less time for study, which may reduce the likelihood of passing the certification exam.

TO REGISTER:

Each participant must be registered in advance for the CPSI class and/or exam. CPSI registrations are accepted online only at www.riccelff.org. Be sure to review the registration instructions on the CPSI workshop page, www.nrpa.org/cpsi before starting the registration process.



CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS:

Notice of registration cancellation and requests for refunds must be submitted to LISC in writing to riccelff@lisc.org by Friday, May 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. EST. The registration fee, less an \$75 administrative fee, will be refunded for refund requests received prior to that time. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after 5:00 p.m. EST on May 22, 2015. Registration substitutions may be made until May 29, 2015.

ACCESSIBILITY & SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

LISC is committed to full accessibility for all at its events. Be sure to mark your registration form if you have special needs or dietary restrictions, or contact LISC directly at 401.331.0131 or riccelff@lisc.org.

Questions?

For more information on the CPSI course or examination, please contact the RICCELFF, riccelff@lisc.org or visit www.nrpa.org/cpsi.



CERTIFICATION COURSE

June 10 & 11, 2015 8am-5pm (test date June 12th 9-11am)

University of Rhode Island—White Hall Rm 205

South Kingstown, RI

Course Fee \$400 / Exam Fee \$110

All Course Materials included in Course Fee.

Continental Breakfasts and Lunches Served

1.2 CEUs are available

LEARN MORE ABOUT CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND SAFETY TRAINING BY VISITING WWW.NRPA.ORG

The National Recreation & Park Association's Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course will be held in Rhode Island on June 10 & 11, 2015. This course will prepare you to take the Inspector Certification Course which will be held on June 12, 2015. The course is being sponsored and hosted by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation's Child Care and Early Learning Facilities Fund. To view course information and to register, [visit www.riccellff.org](http://www.riccellff.org).

Nationally recognized instructors will provide participants with practical, hands-on instruction in the application of national playground safety standards. Participants will learn how to identify safety risks on playgrounds, how to design spaces that meet safety guidelines, how to rank risks on playspaces, how to create a system of repair, retrofit and removal, and how to set up routine inspection systems.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND? This course is intended for anyone wanting to become a certified playground safety inspector. It is well suited for:

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- Child Care Center Administrators and Facility Personnel
- Public Works Employees—Parks & Rec Personnel
- Public School Officials



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