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# Emergency Communications Drill on April 28 Highlights Severe Weather Awareness Week

The 28th annual Severe Weather Awareness Week is scheduled the week of April 24-30, 2016

The National Weather Service, in partnership with the New York State Disaster Preparedness Commission, the New York State Emergency Management Association, and the New York State Broadcasters Association, will conduct the 28th annual Severe Weather Awareness Week from April 24 through 30, 2016.

There will be an emergency communication drill, which will be run statewide on Thursday, April 28th at approximately 1:15 p.m. The five National Weather Service offices serving New York State will originate the generic emergency message to test communication networks that are in place.

It is imperative that our schools be prepared for hazardous weather, whether it be a thunderstorm with frequent lightning that threatens an after-school practice or a sporting event to a flood, winter storm or even a tornado or high wind storm.



The NWS recommends that all schools have a NOAA Weather Radio. The NOAA Weather Radio will relay not only these test communication messages, but all weather warnings directly from your local NWS office. Following the scheduled tests, participants will respond electronically to the communications drill's response form through a secure website or fax.

If you have any questions regarding Severe Weather Awareness Week or would like information about the communication drill, please contact the BOCES Office of Safety and Risk Management or visit [www.weather.gov/bgm/preparednessSWAW](http://www.weather.gov/bgm/preparednessSWAW)

## AHERA REPORTING

The Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to be reinspected for all known or assumed asbestos-containing building material (ACBM) every three years. **The 2016 triennial reinspections must be completed no later than July 8, 2016.** Reinspections done by the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office are either completed or scheduled.

In conjunction with the reinspections, school districts must submit an electronic report to SED. The 2016 AHERA triennial report to SED can be accessed at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJ9LDPF](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJ9LDPF). Please contact the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office if you have any questions or need assistance submitting the report.



# North American Occupational Safety & Health Week May 1-7

In 2014, 4,679 people lost their lives on-the-job. The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and its 37,000 members are working constantly to reduce those numbers. As part of the effort, during the first full week of May annually, the ASSE and other safety professionals observe NAOSH Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional (OSHP) Day in an effort to provide information about and promote the benefits and importance of workplace safety.

NAOSH Week is May 1-7 this year, and OSHP Day is May 4. For information, activities and suggestions, go to [www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh/](http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh/)

## National School Nurse Day



National School Nurse Day has been an annual recognition since 1972, with the goal of promoting a better understanding of the role of nurses in the educational setting. Please take a few moments on May 11th to thank your school nurses for all they do.

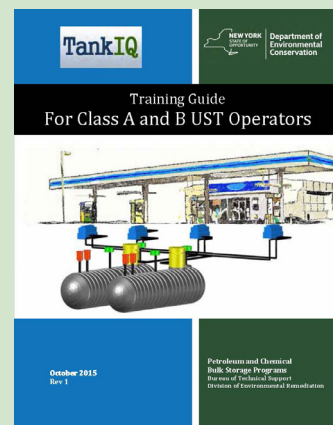
For more information on National School Nurse Day, visit the NASN Web site at [www.schoolnurseday.org](http://www.schoolnurseday.org)

# SAVE THE DATE



**DEC's Petroleum Bulk Storage Regulatory Update  
Tuesday, May 24, 2016  
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
Skaneateles Transportation Department  
819 West Genesee Street  
Road  
Skaneateles, NY 13152**

Districts that have aboveground or underground tanks should plan on attending this workshop. Contact Linda Brown at [lbrown@caybores.org](mailto:lbrown@caybores.org) or 315-255-7683 to register.





## **Gamewell-FCI Recalls Fire Alarm Panels Due to Failure to Alert of Fire, Smoke or CO**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named, has announced a voluntary recall of the following product. Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product: Gamewell-FCI fire alarm panels (ILI-MB-E3 and ILI-S-E3)

Units: About 1,000

Hazard: When configured in a certain way, the panels can become non-responsive and connected detectors in the area can fail to detect and respond to an alarm.

Incidents/Injuries: No incidents or injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall is for the ILI-MB-E3 and ILI-S-E3 Gamewell-FCI fire alarm panels in commercial buildings. This issue is limited to a specific configuration of Signaling Line Circuit (SLC) devices. To occur, the SLC must include at least two of the following detectors in any combination: Acclimate, 4-Warn, Photo/CO and iFAAST. The issue would occur only

if the detectors are addressed within the same FlashScan polling group. Detectors installed in a different combination are not affected.

Sold at: Authorized distributors from May 2015 through August 2015 for about \$800.

Manufactured in: United States

Manufacturer(s): Gamewell-FCI of Northford, Conn.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact the distributor to obtain the free repair, a firmware upgrade.

Consumer Contact: Gamewell-FCI at 800-274-4324 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at [www.gamewell-fci.com](http://www.gamewell-fci.com) and click on "Safety Recall" for more information.

## **PLAYGROUND SAFETY AUDITS**



The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Office of Safety and Risk Management provides playground safety audits and produces audit reports to inform school districts about the safety of their playgrounds as compared to the national standard of care for playground safety. These reports reference the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) Handbook for Public Playground Safety and the American Society for Testing and Materials: Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use F-1487 (ASTM).

Compliance with these standards will offer a safer environment for students and help reduce liability to school districts. Please call the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office at (315) 255-7683 to schedule playground safety audits at your district.

# Playground Safety

Please call the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office to schedule playground safety audits. An inspector is available to conduct audits for compliance with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Handbook for Public Playground Safety and ASTM F1487-01 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use.



## Playground Maintenance

School personnel can use the following checklist to assist with periodic maintenance of playground equipment and surfacing. The frequency of maintenance should increase with the volume of playground use. Daily maintenance checks should be considered during times of peak use.

### Playground Maintenance Checklist

Location of Playground \_\_\_\_\_ Maint. Performed by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Check after each step is completed.)

#### General Upkeep

- Miscellaneous debris, broken glass, litter, etc have been removed.
- Trash containers are emptied or replaced.
- Damaged equipment has been repaired or replaced.
- Obstacles in equipment use zones have been removed.

#### Surfacing

- Surfacing materials are of adequate levels (at least 12 inches of loose surfacing such as pea gravel, shredded rubber, wood mulch, or wood fibers OR unitary products such as rubber mats/tiles or poured-in-place).
- Areas of compaction, kick-out, or wear have been leveled or repaired.
- There are no potential drainage problems.
- Sidewalks, paved surfaces, steps, and platforms have been swept or cleaned of loose surface materials and debris.

#### General Hazards

- There are no sharp points, corners, or edges.
- There are no protrusions or projections.
- There are no missing or damaged protective caps or plugs.
- Potential clothing entanglement hazards have been eliminated.
- There are no pinch points, crush points, or exposed moving parts.
- Potential trip hazards have been removed.
- Hanging tree branches have been trimmed.

#### Equipment Deterioration

- Wooden equipment is free of splinters, checking, large cracks, warping and rot.
- Pressure treated lumber is maintained in accordance with NYS guidelines.
- Metal structures are free of rust, corrosion, and chipped paint.
- Plastic structures are free of holes and cracks.
- There are no unstable or exposed anchorings.

#### Hardware

- There are no loose or worn connecting, covering, or fastening devices.
- All S-hooks are closed.
- Moving parts do not show excessive wear.
- Chains are not kinked, twisted, or broken.

## NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship status, age, marital status, partnership status, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, sexual orientation, gender (sex), military status, veteran status, domestic violence victim status or political affiliation, and additionally does not discriminate against students on the basis of weight, gender identity, gender expression, and religious practices or any other basis prohibited by New York state and/or federal non-discrimination laws in employment or its programs and activities. The BOCES provides equal access to community and youth organizations.

Inquiries regarding the District's non-discrimination policies should be directed to:

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## May Health Observances

*May 4*

*National Bike to School Day*

National Center for Safe Routes to School  
730 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Suite 300/ Campus  
Box 3430  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3430  
[info@walktoschool.org](mailto:info@walktoschool.org)  
[www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org)

*May 1 - 31*

*National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month*

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
8201 Corporate Drive, Suite 1000  
Landover, MD 20785  
[info@aafa.org](mailto:info@aafa.org)  
[www.aafa.org/page/asthma-and-allergy-awareness-month.aspx](http://www.aafa.org/page/asthma-and-allergy-awareness-month.aspx)

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