

# THE HAZARD REMEDiator



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## AHERA Reporting Reminder

Now that AHERA triennial re-inspections have been completed, all school districts must submit a report to the NYSED Facilities Planning Office. The SED 2016 AHERA triennial report can be accessed at [www.survey-monkey.com/r/TJ9LDPF](http://www.survey-monkey.com/r/TJ9LDPF).

A 2016 AHERA Triennial Re-inspection Report must be completed for each school district and submitted **no later than September 1, 2016**. For further information and assistance on AHERA reporting, contact the BOCES Health and Safety and Risk Management Office, or see [www.epa.gov/asbestos/school-buildings#requirements](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/school-buildings#requirements).

## SAVE THE DATE School Nurses' Meeting



**Thursday, October 6, 2016**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Distance Learning Room**

**Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES  
Regional Education Center  
1879 W. Genesee St. Rd., Auburn**



## REVISED SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REGULATIONS

New York State Health Department (DOH) regulations were recently amended regarding requirements for school immunizations. The amendments take effect on September 1, 2016. A letter to school officials which details the changes to immunization requirements and gives other important information can be found at: [http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/docs/2016-06-24\\_dear\\_school\\_administrator\\_letter\\_revised\\_regulations.pdf](http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/docs/2016-06-24_dear_school_administrator_letter_revised_regulations.pdf).

The DOH's "Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance" chart can be viewed at: <http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>.

Further discussion of school immunization requirements will take place at the fall School Nurses' Meeting at the BOCES on October 6, 2016.



# School Safety Alert:



## Xenith Issues Voluntary Recall of Football Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury

Xenith of Detroit, Michigan, in conjunction with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, is conducting a voluntary recall of football helmets due to the possibility that the helmet shells can crack, posing a risk of head injury to football players.

This recall involves Xenith Epic Varsity, X2 Varsity, X2E Varsity and Youth football helmets with a gloss or metallic-painted polycarbonate shell sold or factory-reconditioned between May 1, 2015 and March 18, 2016. The helmets were sold in multiple sizes depending on the model, and in varying colors and custom-paint designs. They have a face-mask and a chin cup, available in different styles and varying colors, and may have an optional eye shield. The serial number is printed on a white sticker inside the top of the helmet.



This issue was detected by Xenith following a customer inquiry in late 2015. The company investigated the possibility that the polycarbonate shell of certain gloss or metallic-painted helmets could unexpectedly crack. Xenith reviewed testing and manufacturing protocols and retained an indepen-

dent lab to perform additional testing and analysis. The investigation identified a “flex” additive chemical compound was not included in the paint mixture for gloss and metallic-painted helmets from May 2015 through March 2016, which caused the shell material to become brittle.

Approximately 6,000 of the affected helmets were sold through team dealers and direct school sales from May 2015 through March 2016. There have been 29 reports of cracking football helmets; however, no injuries have been reported.

Football players should stop using the recalled helmets immediately. Players, coaches and parents should contact Xenith to receive a free, new replacement helmet.

School district and customers can contact Xenith at 800-956-9022 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at [www.xenith.com](http://www.xenith.com), and click on the “Helmet Shell Recall” link on the homepage for more information.

A complete list of the serial numbers included in this recall is available at [www.xenith.com/recall](http://www.xenith.com/recall).



## Initial Pesticide Notification Due

The initial written pesticide notification is due at the beginning of the school year for compliance with 8 NYCRR 155.24(b)(1). The notification must be provided to all staff and persons in parental relation.

If your district has not made plans to address this requirement, a sample notification, provided by SED, follows on the next page.

*Sample initial notification to persons in parental relation and staff  
pursuant to Section 409-h of the State Education Law*

September 2016

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-h, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The \_\_\_\_\_ School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40 CFR 152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to (insert name) the \_\_\_\_\_ School District pesticide representative at: (insert address, telephone, e-mail address, and FAX).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Request for Pesticide Application Notification  
(please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Building

Name:

Address:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Please feel free to contact (insert name) the \_\_\_\_\_ School District pesticide representative at: (insert address, telephone, e-mail address, and FAX) for further information on these requirements.

# Hewlett-Packard Recalls Batteries for HP and Compaq Note- books Due to Fire and Burn Hazards

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: HP lithium-ion batteries

Units: About 41,000 (In addition, about 2,600 were sold in Canada and about 4,500 were sold in Mexico)

Hazard: The battery packs can overheat, posing fire and burn hazards.

Incidents/Injuries: HP has received seven reports of battery packs overheating, melting or charring, including four reports of property damage of about \$4,000 total.



Description: This recall involves lithium-ion batteries containing Panasonic cells that are used in HP notebook computers. The batteries are compatible with HP, Compaq, HP

ProBook, HP ENVY, Compaq Presario, and HP Pavilion notebook computers. The black batteries measure about 8 inches long, 2 inches wide and about 1 inch high. The battery bar code is printed on the back of the battery. "HP Notebook Battery" and the model number are printed on the battery. The batteries included in this recall have the following barcodes: 6BZLU, 6CGFK, 6CGFQ, 6CZMB, 6DEMA, 6DEMH, 6DGAL and 6EBVA.



Sold at: Best Buy, Wal-Mart, and Staples and authorized dealers nationwide and online at [www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com) from March 2013 through August 2015. The batteries were sold with notebook computers for between \$300 and \$1,700. The batteries were also sold separately for between \$50 and \$90.

Manufactured in: China

Importer(s): HP Inc., of Palo Alto, Calif.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled batteries, remove them from the notebook computers and contact HP for a free replacement battery.

Consumer Contact: HP toll-free at 888-202-4320 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or online at the HP Battery Recall website directly at [www.HP.com/go/batteryprogram2016](http://www.HP.com/go/batteryprogram2016) or [www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com) and click "Recalls" at the bottom of the page for more information.



## 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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## September Health Observances

*September 1 - 30*

*National Food Safety Education Month*

Partnership for Food Safety Education

2345 Crystal Drive, Suite 800

Arlington, VA 22202

[info@fightbac.org](mailto:info@fightbac.org) • [www.fightbac.org](http://www.fightbac.org)

*September 1 - 30*

*National Pediculosis Prevention Month/  
Head Lice Prevention Month*

National Pediculosis Association, Inc.

1005 Boylston Street, #343

Newton, MA 02461

[npa@headlice.org](mailto:npa@headlice.org) • [www.headlice.org](http://www.headlice.org)

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