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FIRE SAFETY – FAIL!

I just finished the annual SED Fire Safety Inspections. I thought I would share some of my observations, followed by a review of some of the regulations. Names have been omitted to protect the guilty!

There were lots of issues with extension cords this year:

This picture reveals what was discovered when I pulled back a classroom carpet.



This photo shows a “spaghetti factory”



These holiday lights were routed to a corridor through a doorway. The cord was energized, but the lights didn't work. The door closed and cut the wires.



Fire Code of NYS § 605.4 - Multiplug adapters, such as cube adapters, unfused plug strips or any other device not complying with Chapter 27 of the Building Code of New York State shall be prohibited.

Fire Code of NYS § 605.5 - Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact.

Fire Code of NYS § 605.5.4 - Extension cords shall be grounded when serving grounded portable appliances.

“Free and unobstructed egress” is a goal intended to keep all exits clear for emergency use. That includes corridors, classroom exits, as well as exterior exits. See any problems with the following photos?



This section of the Fire Code is intended to give personnel adequate space to work on equipment. In the panel seen below, I'd like to be able to turn off a breaker in an emergency (or even find the panel)!!



Fire Code of NYS § 605.3 - A working space of not less than 30 inches in width, 36 inches in depth and 78 inches in height shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment. Where the electrical service equipment is wider than 30 inches, the working space shall not be less than the width of the equipment. No storage of any materials shall be located within the designated working space.

We try to minimize the amount of combustible materials that cover walls, ceilings and exit doors. This library wall was covered from top to bottom.



Fire Code of NYS §807.1.2 - The permissible amount of decorative materials meeting the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701 shall not exceed 10 percent of the aggregate area of walls and ceilings.

The most dangerous condition I found this year was an overheated electrical panel. The panel was about 10 years old and apparently had some loose connections. Several of the breakers and the buss bar needed to be replaced.



Facilities personnel should consider some kind of preventative maintenance program for electrical panels. This could have been serious.



COMPLIANCE DEADLINES

MARCH 1, 2016
EPA Tier II Reports Filed

MARCH 1, 2016
Fire Inspections in Cayuga and Onondaga School Districts Completed



NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SEASONAL SAFETY PROGRAM PREPARES YEAR ROUND

The National Weather Service (NWS) has replaced its previous safety awareness week system with a year round approach: Seasonal Safety Campaigns. This change reflects the fact that severe weather cannot be confined to a time period around an annually scheduled awareness week - it can occur anytime.

With that in mind, the NWS has designed seasonal campaigns for Winter, Spring, Hurricanes, Summer, and Fall. These will focus on the major weather hazards occurring around the country within each season.

For more information and links to seasonal preparedness information for your area, visit www.weather.gov/safetycampaign

FLOOD SAFETY



Flooding is a coast to coast threat to the United States throughout the year. Ninety percent of all presidentially declared natural disasters involve flooding.

Turn Around Don't Drown™ is a NOAA National Weather Service campaign to warn people of the hazards of walking or driving a vehicle through flood waters. More than half of all flood related deaths are vehicle related, resulting from vehicles being swept downstream. Many of these casualties are preventable.

Follow these safety rules during a flood:

- Monitor the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, or your favorite news source for vital weather related information.
- If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding.
- Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Turn Around Don't Drown™
- Road beds may be washed out under flood waters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown™

Information courtesy of the NOAA, National Weather Service Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services. Visit www.floodsafety.noaa.gov for more information.



Poisoning is the #1 cause of injury related death in the United States. Since 1962, the President of the United States has proclaimed the third week of March as National Poison Prevention Week to raise awareness about the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. This year the observance is March 20-26, 2016.

School administrators can participate in prevention by reminding those who work outside to wear protective clothing when using spray products, and by having your district's human resources department distribute information about poisons and how employees can protect themselves at work.

Have the Poison Help line number (1-800-222-1222), which connects you to your local poison control center, available by your phone in case of a poison emergency. For further information visit www.aapcc.org/prevention/nppw/ or poisonhelp.hrsa.gov



Charging Stations Recalled by LocknCharge Technologies Due to Electrical Shock Hazard

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: Charging stations

Units: About 550

Hazard: A defective USB charging hub can cause an electrical shock to the consumer when the charging station is connected to the electrical supply.

Incidents/Injuries: LocknCharge has received one report of a woman in Australia receiving an electrical shock from a charging station.

Description: This recall involves LocknCharge iQ10 charging stations that allow users to charge and store multiple tablet computers. The charging stations are metal cubes about 16 inches tall x about 16 inches wide x about

12 ½ inches long and have two doors on the front. The cube has white sides with black doors and either a black or white top cover. The LocknCharge logo is on the sides of the cube. The charging stations came with a blue basket and a green basket with dividers that hold the devices to be charged. The baskets



have a white handle with the LocknCharge logo on each side. The charging stations have two USB charging hubs under the top cover. Recalled charging stations have charging hubs with no batch code or that have batch codes that begin with 14L, 15B or 15C. The batch code is on the bottom of the charging hub under a silver data label.

Sold at: Distributors to schools, government agencies and other users from February 2015 to May 2015 for about \$600.

Manufactured in: Australia and Hong Kong

Importer(s): LocknCharge Technologies LLC, of Madison, Wis.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled charging stations and contact LocknCharge Technologies for a free replacement charging hub and instructions for replacing the charging hub.

Consumer Contact: LocknCharge Technologies toll-free at 888-943-6803 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or online at www.lockncharge.com and click on Recall Information for more information.



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March Health Observances



March 1 - 31

Workplace Eye Wellness Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
info@preventblindness.org
www.preventblindness.org

March 7 - 11

National School Breakfast Week

School Nutrition Association
120 Waterfront Street, Suite 300
National Harbor, MD 20745
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www.schoolnutrition.org/nsbw



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