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## **CORRECTION! 2016 Fire Inspection Dates**

We have corrected time table information for the 2016 New York State Education Department Fire Inspections. Please see the corrected dates below:

### **Wayne, Ontario and Yates Counties**

Schools located in Wayne, Ontario and Yates Counties are on a different cycle. Inspections in schools located in Wayne, Ontario and Yates Counties may begin on **October 15, 2016**. State Education reports are due on or before **December 1, 2016**.

### **Cayuga, Onondaga and Oswego Counties**

Inspections may begin on **December 15, 2016 (this is a corrected date)**. The fire inspection reports must be received at the State Education Department on or before **February 1, 2017 (this is also a corrected date)**.

Contact the BOCES Office of Safety and Risk Management to schedule your district's Fire Inspections.



## **ELECTRICALLY- OPERATED PARTITIONS INCLUDED ON FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

The New York State Education Department Office of Facilities Planning has included a requirement to review records of inspection, testing and maintenance of electrically-operated partitions during the Fire and Building Safety Inspections in accordance with 8 NYCRR 155.25(d)(4).

You should review the manufacturer's recommended service intervals for electrically-operated partitions in your buildings. Please make sure that your maintenance and inspection records are available during the upcoming Fire and Building Safety Inspections in your district.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the BOCES Office of Safety and Risk Management or the New York State Education Department Office of Facilities Planning at (518) 474-3906.

# COMMON LEARNING DAY FOR SCHOOL NURSES A SUCCESS

The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Safety & Risk Management Office hosted the first Common Learning Day for School Nurses on Friday, October 21st. We responded to concerns that most programs on Staff Development Days are focused on instruction, leaving a void in learning opportunities for our nurses.

Two dozen School Nurses and Social Workers from 7 districts attended the event, which was held in the BOCES Board Room.

Thanks to our presenters Kathleen Broderick and Faith Emerson, from Cayuga County Mental Health; Detective Rob Franklin, from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department; and Michael Radell, Community Educator from the Epilepsy Foundation. We were able to offer presentations on Student Mental Health, Drug Recognition and Awareness, and Seizure Disorders as well as provide a forum to network and discuss common issues.

A special thanks to Linda Rice from the Skaneateles Central School District and Linda Brown from the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office for their help in coordinating this event. We hope that we are able to provide similar learning opportunities for School Nurses on future Staff development days.



## Winter Weather Awareness Week October 30 - November 5

Winter Weather Awareness Week is scheduled for October 30 - November 5, 2016 throughout New York State.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's (NOAA) National Weather Service has safety information about awareness, preparedness, forecasts and outlooks for the potentially bitter winter weather.

Visit the NOAA's Winter Weather Safety and Awareness web page at [www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/index.shtml](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/index.shtml)

In addition, the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has information, helpful links and winter safety tips available at [www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/safety-info/public-safety/winter.cfm](http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/safety-info/public-safety/winter.cfm)



# COMPLIANCE DEADLINES



**NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

Lead testing reports submitted to NYS Health Department electronic reporting system

**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

8 total drills completed (combination fire drills and lockdown drills)



## CPSC Safety Alert: Halloween Safety

A few safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission can protect children who plan to go trick-or-treating this Halloween.

### Treats

Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.

### Flame Resistant Costumes

When purchasing a costume, masks, beards, and wigs, look for the label Flame Resistant. Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source. To minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition,

avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

### Costume Designs

Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

- For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores.
- To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.
- Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.
- Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Mom's high heels are not a good idea for safe walking.
- Hats and scarfs should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.
- Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision.
- Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.

### Pedestrian Safety

Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk

if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.

### Choosing Safe Houses

Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.

- Children should not enter homes or apartments unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- People expecting trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches. Candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame. Indoor jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited.

For further information on product safety, consumers may call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline on (800) 638-2772 or visit [www.cpsc.gov/](http://www.cpsc.gov/)

*Information courtesy of CPSC Publication 100*

## Office Depot Recalls Winsley Chairs Due to Fall 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: Winsley Mid-Back Chairs



Units: About 129,000

Hazard: The chair can tip over when leaning back, posing a fall hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Sold at: Office Depot and OfficeMax stores nationwide and online at [officedepot.com](http://officedepot.com) from August 2015 through August 2016 for about \$150.

Manufactured in: China

Importer(s): Office Depot, Inc., of Boca Raton, Fla.

Distributor(s): Office Depot, Inc., of Boca Raton, Fla.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled chair and contact Office Depot to receive a free repair kit.

Consumer Contact: Office Depot at 800-949-9974 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at [www.officedepot.com/](http://www.officedepot.com/) and click on Recall Notices at the bottom of the page for more information.



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## November Health Observances

### *November 1 - 30 • American Diabetes Month*

American Diabetes Association  
1701 North Beauregard Street  
Alexandria, VA 22311  
[askada@diabetes.org](mailto:askada@diabetes.org)

[www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/american-diabetes-month.html](http://www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/american-diabetes-month.html)

### *November 19 • Great American Smokeout*

American Cancer Society  
250 Williams Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(800) ACS-2345 (227-2345)  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

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