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2017 Fire Inspection Dates

The time tables for the 2017 New York State Education Department Fire Inspections are as follows:

Cayuga, Onondaga and Oswego Counties

Inspections may begin on **November 15, 2017**. The fire inspection reports must be received at the State Education Department on or before **January 1, 2018**.

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 **September 15, 2017**. State Education reports are due on or before **November 1, 2017**.

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

SAVE THE DATE School Nurses' Meeting



Wednesday, October 18, 2017

3:30 p.m.

Distance Learning Room

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



SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REGULATIONS

The New York State Health Department (DOH) has published the requirements for school immunizations for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Additional details and an overview on school immunization requirements from a Health Department presentation can be accessed at: <https://www.schoolhealthny.com/cms/lib/NY01832015/Centricity/Domain/85/Immunization2017-18WebinarforSchools.pdf>.

Further discussion of school immunization requirements will take place at the fall School Nurses' Meeting at the BOCES on October 18, 2017.





LAWNMOWER SAFETY

Using a lawn mower can be as routine as bike riding or barbecues during the summer months. But often, people find themselves in terrifying situations with these seemingly safe machines. In fact, lawn mowers are very powerful and potentially dangerous tools. The energy transferred by a typical lawn mower blade is equivalent to being shot in the hand with a .357 Magnum pistol. The speed of the blade can send dirt and bacteria deep into a wound, creating a high risk for severe infection. In addition, a lawn mower can eject a piece of metal or wood up to 100 miles per hour.

In 2015, more than 274,000 people – nearly 13,000 of them children under the age of 19 – were treated for lawn mower-related injuries, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. However, lawn mowers don't "attack" on their own. Most injuries – such as deep cuts, loss of fingers and toes, crushed and broken bones, burns, and eye injuries – are due to improper or careless use of lawn mowers.

Most lawn mower injuries can be prevented if the operator uses common sense and follows a few simple tips for staying safe. These include:

- Do not remove safety devices, shields, or guards on switches.
- Add fuel before starting the engine, not

when it is running or hot.

- Be sure the motor is off before inspecting or repairing lawn mower equipment.
- Use a stick or broom handle (not your hands or feet) to remove debris in lawnmowers.
- Remove stones, toys and debris from the lawn before mowing to prevent injuries from flying objects.
- Use caution when mowing hills and slopes. Mow across slopes with a push mower to avoid pulling the mower over your feet if you happen to slip. Mow up and down slopes with a riding mower to prevent the mower from tipping over.

For additional information on lawnmower safety:

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
<http://orthoinfo.aaos.org/topic.cfm?topic=A00670>

Briggs & Stratton Lawn Mower Safety and Maintenance

https://www.briggsandstratton.com/na/en_us/buying-guides/lawn-mowers/lawn-mower-maintenance-safety.html



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 2017

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).

_____ School District
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.

Lithonia Lighting Recalls to Repair Ceiling Light Fixtures Due to Impact 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: Lithonia LED light fixtures

Units: About 5,600

Hazard: The plastic diffuser lens can detach and fall unexpectedly, posing a risk of injury from impact.



Incidents/Injuries: Lithonia Lighting has received six reports of loose or falling diffuser lenses. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves Lithonia Lighting LBL4W model ceiling light fixtures which are used indoors in commercial applications such as offices, schools, closets, hallways and stairwells. The fixtures are painted white metal and measure about four feet long with a low profile, curved plastic diffuser lens (cover). The plastic diffuser lens measures 4 feet long by 15 inches wide. Only fixtures manufactured between February 2016 and March 2017 are included in this recall. Lithonia Lighting, the model number and the date of manufacture are printed on a label attached to the fixture's housing. The date code is in the MM/DD/YY format on the fixture's housing.

Sold at: Electrical distributors nationwide and online through the commercial desk at Build.com from February 2016 through March 2017 for between \$150 and \$200.

Manufacturer(s): Lithonia Lighting, a division of Acuity Brands Lighting Inc., of Conyers, Ga.

Importer(s): Lithonia Lighting, a division of Acuity Brands Lighting Inc., of Conyers, Ga.

Remedy: Consumers should remove the lens and contact Lithonia Lighting to receive a free lens to repair the unit. Consumers should prevent people from going into the immediate area under the fixtures until the lenses are repaired. A video showing proper lens removal and repair is available at www.lithonia.com/LBL4Wvideo.

Consumer Contact: Lithonia Lighting toll-free at 888-876-4181 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.lithonia.com and click on "LBL4W LED Recall" on the left side of the page for more information.

Recalled Lithonia Lighting LBL4W model ceiling light fixture without the lens



Recalled Lithonia Lighting LBL4W model lens cover, inside and outside view



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 • 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 • www.headlice.org

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