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IMPORTANT REMINDERS ABOUT SCHOOL SAFETY

As we attempt to process the recent school shootings, we should evaluate our own preparedness for acts of violence against schools. School districts should review policies and procedures for school safety. Listed below are some action items that should be considered. Some of the items listed are mandated by NYS Education Law and the Commissioner's Regulations; others are sound risk management practices for schools.

As always, if you need assistance with plan reviews/updates, training, drills, or safety audits, please contact the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office.

PREVENTION & PREPAREDNESS

- Are District-Level Safety Plans and Building-Level Emergency Management Plans current?
- Do administrators have current copies of these plans?
- Do the plans include up-to-date floor plans and site plans of your facilities?
- Have Emergency Responders received current copies of Safety Plans, floor plans and site plans?
- Have you conducted safety and security audits of your facilities with safety specialists and/or law enforcement?

- Are emergency communication systems (i.e. – P.A. Systems, bullhorns, radios, cell phones, etc.) operational and available?
- Are access control systems, devices and hardware operational?
- Are visitors adequately screened before they are allowed to enter schools?
- Does law enforcement have remote access to video surveillance systems?
- Are all employees trained in emergency procedures (i.e. – lockdown, hold in place, shelter in place, lockout, evacuation)?
- Do drills take place to ensure that staff and students are adequately trained to respond to emergencies?
- Are outdoor activities considered when planning emergency procedures?
- Are procedures in place to secure large group activities during an emergency?

RESPONSE

- Does each school have a “Go Bag” that includes attendance lists, phone lists, medications, floor plans, keys, etc.)?
- Does the district use a mass notification system to alert parents about emergencies?
- Do you have keys and floor plans in a designated location that emergency responders could access during an incident?
- Have you planned for an off-site location and process to be used for parents to pick up students during an emergency?

RECOVERY

- Does the district have current Post-Incident Response Plans?

SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCES

SED REGULATIONS:

8 NYCRR §155.17

Current Commissioner of Education
Regulations for School Safety Plans:

<https://safeschools.ny.gov/nycrr-15517---development-school-safety-plans>

RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS:

Understanding and Preventing School
Violence Directed Against Teachers

A Report by the American Psychological
Association Board of Educational Affairs
Task Force on Classroom Violence Directed
Against Teachers:

[http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/
releases/amp-68-2-75.pdf](http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/releases/amp-68-2-75.pdf)

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS:

Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for
Parents and Teachers

Fact sheet from the National Association of
School Psychologists:

[http://www.nasponline.org/resources-
and-publications/resources/school-
safety-and-crisis/talking-to-children-
about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-
teachers](http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/talking-to-children-about-violence-tips-for-parents-and-teachers)

THREAT ASSESSMENT:

Threat Assessment In Schools: A Guide to
Managing Threatening Situations and to
Creating Safe School Climates

Guidance from the United States Secret
Service and U. S. Department of Education
on conducting Threat Assessments
including a model Threat Assessment plan.

[https://www.secretservice.gov/data/
protection/ntac/ssi_guide.pdf](https://www.secretservice.gov/data/protection/ntac/ssi_guide.pdf)

Threat Assessment: Predicting and
Preventing School Violence

Guidance from the National Association
of School Psychologists on developing
Threat Assessment Teams, Policies and
Procedures:

[http://www.nasponline.org/resources-
and-publications/resources/school-
safety-and-crisis/threat-assessment-
at-school/threat-assessment-for-
school-administrators-and-crisis-teams](http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/threat-assessment-at-school/threat-assessment-for-school-administrators-and-crisis-teams)

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS:

New York State “Safeguard NY” Program
New York State Homeland Security
educational materials designed to
encourage individuals to report concerns
about dangerous behaviors:

[http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oct/
safeguardny/](http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oct/safeguardny/)

New Resources From stopbullying.gov

The federal government has updated its
Stop Bullying website at:

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

The site has several great resources for
classroom teachers, parents and students
on addressing bullying and cyberbullying.

For information on New York State’s anti-
bullying laws and policies see:

[https://www.stopbullying.gov/laws/
new-york/index.html](https://www.stopbullying.gov/laws/new-york/index.html)





New York State Association
of School Nurses

Registration Is Now Open for NYS School Nurse Orientation 2018

School Nurse Orientation is a professional development conference for registered professional nurses who are new to the specialty practice of school nursing. Preference is given to school nurses with less than three years' experience. This four-day educational event takes place each August at the Welch Allyn Conference Center in Skaneateles, New York, and offers a comprehensive introduction to school nursing standards and best practices, while providing an excellent opportunity for networking with colleagues.

Questions:

Please contact Carol Bumbolow, Program Coordinator, at snorientation@nysasn.org.

For additional information and registration details go to:

<http://nysasn.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/SNO-2018-Online-Brochure.pdf>



SAVE THE DATE



School Nurses' Meeting
Wednesday, April 11, 2018

3:30 p.m.

Distance Learning Room

Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES
Regional Education Center
1879 W. Genesee St. Road
Auburn, New York

National Poison Prevention Week

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 18-24, 2018.

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 or poisonhelp.org.

Elkay Recalls Water Coolers and Bottle Filling Stations Due To 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:
Elkay and Halsey Taylor water coolers and bottle filling stations

Recall Date:
January 25, 2018

Hazard:
Internal screws that secure the grounding wire can break and allow the grounding wire to become loose, posing a shock hazard.

Incidents/Injuries:
The firm has received 362 reports of broken screws being found in units prior to installation. No injuries have been reported.

Description:
This recall involves Elkay and Halsey Taylor water coolers and bottle filling stations with the model numbers

that begin with the letter and number combinations listed below. They are mainly installed in public facilities such as schools/universities, office buildings and airports. The brand Elkay or Halsey Taylor is identified on the front of the units with a nameplate or embossing and the affected serial numbers begin with the numbers 1704, 1705 or 1706. For more information on where to identify the model numbers and serial numbers on the units, visit www.check-mycooler.com

Sold at:
Elkay distributors from May 2017 through June 2017 for between \$600 and \$7,450.

Manufacturer(s):
Elkay Plumbing Products Company, of Savanna, Ill.

Manufactured in:
United States

Units: About 31,600

Remedy:
Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled water coolers and bottle filling stations, unplug the units and contact Elkay for a free repair.

Consumer Contact:
Elkay toll-free at 866-243-3070 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., email at Recall17@elkay.com or online at www.elkay.com and click on PRODUCT RECALL for more information. Consumers can also go to www.checkmycooler.com and enter a unit's full serial number to see if it is included in the recall.



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March Health Observances



March 1 - 31

Workplace Eye Wellness Month
American Academy of Ophthalmology
P.O. Box 7424
San Francisco, CA 94120-7424
(415) 561-8534
media@aao.org
aao.org/eyesmart

March 27

American Diabetes Alert Day
American Diabetes Association
1701 North Beauregard Street
Alexandria, VA 22311
(800) DIABETES (342-2383)
(703) 549-6995 Fax
askada@diabetes.org

www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/programs/alert-day

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