



**2010 TRPA/NRPA
NATIONAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTOR
COURSE AND EXAM
November 3-5, 2010
Chattanooga, Tennessee**

**WHO SHOULD
ATTEND?**

- ✓ Administrators
- ✓ Supervisors
- ✓ Risk Managers
- ✓ Public works departments
- ✓ Building and grounds maintenance staff
- ✓ Engineers
- ✓ Architects
- ✓ Playground equipment representatives
- ✓ Operators & caretakers of Playgrounds in:
 - Parks
 - Schools
 - Summer Camps
 - Day Camps
 - Homeowners Assoc.
 - Hotels/Resorts
 - Day Care Centers
 - ✓ Agencies such as:
 - YMCA's/YWCA's
 - Boys & Girls Clubs
 - Police Athletic Clubs



Each Participant Will Receive

- A Course Manual – includes the current ASTM and CPSC standards
- “Playground Safety is No Accident” (3rd edition)

According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, 200,000 children are treated annually for playground accidents. Of these, 70% or 140,000 occurred at public parks and schoolyards. **How does your equipment measure up? How many preventable injuries occurred in your parks or facilities?**

Sponsored by the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association, NRPA National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI), Sevierville Parks and Recreation and the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool, this course is the most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods offered. Advanced reading and ten hours of training will prepare you to sit for the Certified Playground Safety Inspector Exam, scheduled at the culmination of this certification course.

Program Highlights

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| • Injury Statistics | Safety Management |
| • Hazard Identification | Safety Surfacing Materials |
| • Playground Equipment Accessibility | Off-site Park Visit |
| • History of Playground Equipment | Audit Objectives & Procedures |
| • Maintenance Procedures & Standards | Question & Answer Session |

Preparation: It is *extremely* important that you read the course materials prior to attending the class. Failure to study the materials before the course commonly leads to failure of the exam

Certification: Those taking the course are eligible to take the Playground Safety inspectors Exam given immediately after the course. Upon successfully passing the exam, you will be certified through the National Recreation and Park Association as a Certified Playground Safety inspector (CPSI) for a three year period. Certificates will be awarded and your name will be added to a national roster of CPSI's.

Continuing Education Units: Earn 1.2 CEUs's (awarded by NRPA) while participating in this seminar. Please be sure to sign the attendance roster for NRPA's records before you leave the seminar. NRPA will forward you a transcript of your attendance 6 to 8 weeks after the course is finished.

Certification Exam: TRPA will continue to offer the on-site paper and pencil exam the last day of the class (please see the registration form). The option to take the CPSI exam via computer based testing is now available through the NRPA. Computer based exam fee \$200. To obtain additional information please visit www.nrpa.org (under Learn and Grow/Certification Programs/CPSI Certification). *Please be advised if you register to take the examination with the course, you will not receive any refund to take your initial exam via compute.* Please decide now if you would like to take the exam on Day 3 of the course or via a Computer Based Exam at a later date. Thank you!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 10/3/10

Directions will be sent with the registration confirmation.

3-DAY COURSE SCHEDULE

Time	Wednesday, November 3, 2010	Time	Thursday, November 4, 2010
7:30-8am	Registration	8-8:45am	Surfacing 2
8-8:45am	Welcome & Introduction	8:45-9:15am	Safety Management – Comprehensive Program/Audits
8:45-9:15am	Foundation & Injury Statistics	9:15-9:30am	Break
9:15-9:30am	Break	9:30-10am	Safety Management – Inspections & Maintenance
9:30-Noon	Hazard Identification 1 & 2	10-11:45am	Applied Exercise 2 – Hazard Identification Prioritization
Noon – 1pm	Lunch (provided)	11:45-Noon	Question & Answer
1-1:45pm	Applied Exercise 1 – Use of test probes and gauges	Noon – 1pm	Lunch (provided)
1:45-2:45pm	Hazard Identification 3	1-3:15pm	Applied Exercise 3 – Site Investigation
2:45-3pm	Break	3:15-3:30pm	Break
3-4pm	Hazard Identification 4	3:30-4:30pm	Site Investigation Wrap Up
4-4:45pm	Surfacing 1	4:30-5pm	Question & Answer (Class Ends)
4:45-5pm	Exam Preparation/Question & Answer/ Homework Assignment		
		Time	Friday, November 5, 2010
		8-9am	Check In
		9-11am	2-Hour Certification Exam

General Information

Class Size: Registration is on a first come-first served basis and the class and exam limit is 60.

Cancellation Policy: The registration fee less a \$300 service charge will be refunded if cancellation is received by mail or fax by 5pm on October 3, 2010. Substitutions for those unable to attend are encouraged.

CEU Credit: 1.2 CEU credits are available for participation in the full course.

Hotel: A block of rooms (under the name TRPA) is being held for this event at the **LaQuinta Inn – Downtown Chattanooga**. Rates are **\$69.00 plus tax per night**. If paying by government check/credit card, please be sure to bring your tax exempt certificate. To make reservations please call **423-265-3151**. Deadline to receive this rate is **October 3, 2010**. **Parking included in room fee.**

ADA Accommodations: Please call 615-790-0041 and ask for Laura. Please be prepared with a specific accommodation request.

Registration: Please go to www.trpa.net and click on the education button or use the form below. Credit card payments must be made on-line.

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By registering I acknowledge I have read and understand the refund policy. Including that if I later chose to take the Computer based exam, I will not be refunded any of this registration fee. In addition, I agree to hold TRPA, its agents, volunteers, Board and employees, harmless for any and all incidents associated with this event. I also grant TRPA the right to use my likeness for publication purposes in any photos taken.

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

AGENCY: _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ FAX: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ Current Certification # (if previously certified): _____

**Mail or Fax completed form with payment to: Tennessee Recreation & Parks Association
718 Boyd Mill Ave, Franklin, TN 37064 Phone: 615-790-0041 Fax: 615-790-1008**

REGISTRATION DEADLINES Payment received by: October 3, 2010

	<u>By Oct 3, 2010</u>	<u>After Oct 3, 2010 (if space is available)</u>
National Playground Safety Institute Registration	\$410	\$460
<i>Class only, does not include the exam (It is not recommended that you take the exam if you have not had the materials at least 3 weeks prior to the course. No on-site registration will be accepted).</i>		
Certification Exam (Photo ID required for exam admission)	\$100	\$125
<i>No cell phones, pdas, or others electronic equipment will be permitted in the exam room. Please make provisions for it ahead of time.</i>		

Please note: Books will not be sent to anyone until the minimum of 40 registrants is reached!