



# Certified Playground Safety Inspector Certification Course and Exam

**South Kingstown Recreation Center ♦ May 2-4, 2018**

Hosted by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation ([www.rilisc.org](http://www.rilisc.org)), the Rhode Island Child Care & Early Learning Facilities Fund ([www.riccelff.org](http://www.riccelff.org)), Rhode Island Recreation and Parks Association ([www.rirpa.com](http://www.rirpa.com)), and the National Recreation and Park Association ([www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org)) this course is the most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods offered nationwide.

A professional must successfully pass the CPSI examination to receive the 3 year certification.

### Invest in Certification...

- protect children from injury due to playground hazards
- protect your business or agency from costly liabilities
- open the door to more opportunities for career advancement
- increase your job mobility and choices even in the face of a tough job market
- reach not only your short-term job goals, but also position yourself for success in your long-term career
- be associated with NRPA's strong and long-standing reputation in playground safety

Upon completion of the CPSI course, participants will have the knowledge needed to establish a sound risk reduction program; create a system of repair, retrofit, and removal of hazardous equipment; and to setup a routine inspection system for their agency or client. Participants will also have the most up-to-date knowledge to prepare them to take the CPSI examination.

For more information, visit [www.RICCELFF.org](http://www.RICCELFF.org).

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### Who should attend?

- ✓ Administrators
- ✓ Operators and Caretakers of Playgrounds
- ✓ Supervisory Personnel
- ✓ Public Works Departments
- ✓ Planning Departments
- ✓ Building and Grounds Maintenance Staff
- ✓ Engineers
- ✓ Architects
- ✓ Playground Equipment Installers
- ✓ Playground Manufacturer Representatives



# Course Overview and Schedule

Participants in the CPSI Classroom Course will gain practical, hands-on training on how to apply the ASTM standards and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines to playground environments for children ages 2-12 years of age.

## What you will Learn:

### Identifying Hazards

- The difference between a risk and a hazard
- Hazards of children's play and supervision
- Hazards in playground equipment
- Hazards in construction, installation, and layout
- The impact of poor maintenance on playground safety
- Test methods for determining hazards

### Specific Safety Concerns

- Head entrapments, entanglements, and protrusions
- Pinch, crush, and shear points
- Age-appropriate equipment

### Standards and Guidelines

- The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission Handbook for Playground Safety
- The ASTM Standard Consumer Product Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use
- The difference between the documents and how they should be used

### Accessibility

- ASTM specifications to provide accessibility to playgrounds and play equipment to meet the intent of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- The implications of providing accessibility without causing safety problems
- Playground equipment design for both safety and accessibility

### Surfacing

- The impact of CPSC and ASTM requirements for surfacing under playground equipment
- The characteristics of various surfaces to meet recommended impact criteria
- Surfaces that meet accessibility requirements and also provide safety

### Risk Management

- How to develop risk management tools
- Audit tools
- How to prioritize a master plan for upgrading
- Legal ramifications of your risk management program

### Design Safety

- Why safety problems are caused by design
- How to evaluate a proposed playground
- The impact of layout and the environment on safety
- Safety in custom design

## Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course Schedule

South Kingstown Recreation Center  
30 St. Dominic Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

### Prior to May 2, 2018 – Advance Reading

Registrants will receive and must study the course manual prior to the CPSI class. NRPA recommends a minimum of three weeks to study prior to the class and exam.

### Wednesday, May 2, 2018 – Classroom Instruction

7:30-8:00am	Registration Check-In
8:00-8:15	Welcome & Introductions
8:15-9:30	Course Introduction and Injury Statistics
9:30-9:45	Break
9:45-Noon	Hazard Identification: Parts 1 & 2
Noon-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-1:45	Applied Exercise #1: Use of Test Probes & Gauges
1:45-2:45	Hazard Identification: Part 3
2:45-3:00	Break
3:00-4:00	Hazard Identification: Part 4
4:00-4:45	Surfacing: Part 1
4:45-5:00	Exam Prep, Questions & Answers, Homework

### Thursday, May 3, 2018 – Classroom Instruction & Site Visit

8:00-8:45am	Surfacing: Part 2
8:45-9:15	Safety Management: Comprehensive Programs/Audits
9:15-9:30	Break
9:30-10:00	Safety Management: Inspections & Maintenance
10:00-11:45	Applied Exercise #2: Hazard Identification Prioritization 11:45-
Noon	Questions & Answers
Noon-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-3:15	Applied Exercise 3: Playground Site Investigation
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-4:30	Site Investigation Wrap-Up
4:30-5:00	Question & Answer Period

### Friday, May 4, 2018 – Certification Examination

8:00-9:00am	Check-In (Government Photo ID+2nd form of ID required)
9:00-11:00am	Exam Instruction & Certification Exam

## Why get CPSI Certification?

CPSI certification sets the standard for playground inspections and enables individuals to inspect playgrounds for safety issues using current ASTM and CPSC guidelines.

Learn more at [www.nrpa.org/cpsi](http://www.nrpa.org/cpsi)

# CPSI Class Details



**Location:** The CPSI Course and Exam will be held at the South Kingstown Recreation Center, 30 St. Dominic Road, Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879. The course includes a playground site visit and inspection.

**Certification:** CPSI certification is valid for three years. Individuals who seek their CEPSI certification must take the CPSI exam. Recertification also requires taking the exam. Individuals who wish to recertify are encouraged to attend the CPSI educational course to ensure access to current materials and the latest information on playground safety standards.

**Advance Reading:** Registration includes a complete set of course materials. The course manual must be studied prior to the start of class on May 2. The exam may include questions about information in the manual which may or may not be covered during the class. NRPA recommends that class participants have at least three weeks to review and study materials in advance of the course and exam. Late registration allows less time for study, which may increase the chance of failing the exam. LISC typically ships class materials within 1 to 2 days of complete registration starting approximately 60 days prior to the course. Participants who register by March 30 will receive course materials no later than April 10. Registrations received after March 30 must include rush shipping in order to receive materials no later than April 13.

**Class Size:** The CPSI course and exam are each limited to a maximum of 80 participants. A minimum of 25 participants is required to hold the course.

**CEU:** 1.5 continuing education credits are available for full course participants. Sign-in forms will be available during the two-day class.

**Certification Exam:** CPSI certification is valid for three years and is renewable by exam. The certification exam will be given on the morning of Friday, May 4. **Two forms of identification are required for the exam.** One must be a government-issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, etc.); the second form of ID should contain your name and signature, such as a credit card, Social Security card, work ID (if signed), library card, etc. Notice of exam results will be sent directly by NRPA or its testing agent. Those passing the exam are eligible to be listed in the national CPSI Registry.

NRPA offers the option to take the CPSI exam via computer-based testing. To obtain additional information about this option, please visit [www.nrpa.org/cpsi](http://www.nrpa.org/cpsi). Please decide now if you would like to take the exam on May 4, on campus or later via NRPA's Computer Based Exam. Registrants for the June 12 exam will not receive a refund if they later decide to take the exam via NRPA's computer-based testing.

**Hotel Information:** There are a limited number of rooms available at the Hampton Inn South Kingstown for a rate of \$129/night (plus taxes) on May 1-4, 2018. To make a reservation either call 401-788-3500 or visit [www.southkingstown.hamptoninn.com](http://www.southkingstown.hamptoninn.com) with **Group Code CSI**.

**Questions:** For more information on the CPSI course or examination, please contact the RICCELFF at [RICCELFF@lisc.org](mailto:RICCELFF@lisc.org) or visit [www.nrpa.org/cpsi](http://www.nrpa.org/cpsi).

## CPSI Course Registration Includes...

- Two days of instruction, including a hands-on playground site visit, with expert professionals
- Course materials (provided approximately 1 month ahead)
- Continental breakfast, lunch, and beverages
- Transportation to playground site
- Continuing education credits available

## CPSI Exam Registration Includes...

- Administration of the CPSI exam on May 4 from 9:00 to 11:00am
- Three year certification for those who complete and pass the exam

Register today at  
[www.RICCELFF.org](http://www.RICCELFF.org)