

**SAFE SCHOOLS:  
a Health and Safety Check  
A Manual of Checklists Covering Environmental, Health and  
Safety Regulations for Secondary Occupational and Career  
Orientation Programs in New Jersey Public Schools**

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## Safe Schools Project Description

Safe Schools is a project supported by the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education, to assist schools in meeting environmental and occupational safety & health regulations and protecting students and staff from occupational injuries and illnesses. The project is administered by the Center for School and Community-Based Research and Education of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – School of Public Health (UMDNJ-SPH) and the Public Education and Risk Communication Division of the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI). UMDNJ-SPH is sponsored by UMDNJ in cooperation with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and New Jersey Institute of Technology. EOHSI is jointly sponsored by UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Safe Schools involves a number of outreach components designed to support Safety and Health Designees and those involved in School-to-Careers. Safety and Health Designees are school board appointed school personnel who are charged with the responsibility of implementing a safety and health program for career, technical vocational programs in their school district. The following is a list of the current Safe Schools outreach components:

- Safe Schools: a health and safety check. This is a manual of checklists covering environmental and occupational safety & health regulations for secondary occupational and career orientation programs in New Jersey public schools. The manual is updated twice per year;
- Free training to teachers throughout the year on various topics;
- Biannual print newsletter and monthly e-newsletters (during school year only);
- Analysis of injury/illness incident reports received;
- Training needs assessments;
- School safety and health plan evaluations and training;
- Assistance with safety and health issues associated with school-to-careers; and
- Special task forces (annual) and projects (periodic).

Additional information regarding the Safe Schools Project can be found at [www.njsafeschools.org](http://www.njsafeschools.org).

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