

Safety Corner

Alphabet Soup.

IIPP. IPM. Epi-Pen. What do all these acronyms have in common (besides being found floating in that beloved childhood soup)?

Each one of these acronyms regards a special requirement that schools must abide by or face certain legal consequences.

IIPP: Illness and Injury Prevention Plan. According to Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 3203, every employer is required to have an up-to-date Illness and Injury Prevention Plan. This month I will be setting up a workshop for the schools who would like me to walk them through the process of re-writing or updating their IIPP. For more information in the meantime please see the CALOSHA website. <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/etools/09-031/how.htm>

IPM. Integrated Pest Management. In September, SB 1405 was signed into law by Governor Brown amending the Healthy Schools Act (HSA). By the start of the 2014/15 school year you must develop an IPM plan if you plan to apply certain pesticides on your school grounds. You also have to send in pesticide reports and have your IPM coordinator trained annually. For more information go to the CA.Gov website: <http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/training/>

Epi-Pen: Epinephrine Auto Injectors. SB1266 was also passed by Governor Brown, requiring all schools to stock Epi-Pen auto injectors to save the lives of children suffering from serious allergic reactions (anaphylaxis). The Epi-Pens must be replaced within two weeks of being used and any trained volunteer can administer it. Learn more at the California Dept. of Ed website: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/epiadmin.asp>

For any training questions including requests for onsite classes, please contact Kurt Walling, the Loss Prevention Manager for STSIG at kwalling@stsig.org, or 530-221-6444.

And remember: Stay Alert, Stay Alive!