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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY: TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Harry S. Truman once said: "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts".

Last year many of you participated in various safety training classes. These trainings are mandated by various agencies because the knowledge is perishable and because there is a very real potential for injury, especially for new employees. Not getting hurt means the training did the job... last year.

I challenge you to engage and learn, question and participate as we start another school year. Learn something new. There are a handful of mandatory safety topics required annually including Blood Borne Pathogens, Asbestos Awareness, Hazard Communication (right to understand), Integrated Pesticide Management, and fire safety. Let's refresh:

Blood Borne Pathogens: All staff who are reasonably anticipated to have contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials must be trained annually. The training can be an onsite or online class, discussion, and/or literature handouts to district employees.

Hazard Communication: Every year all staff who have work exposures – even office workers that come into contact with chemicals in passing- must review procedures, Safety Data Sheet (SDS) access, and emergency response. This is typically done through an onsite class and can also be done online.

Fire Safety: All staff need annual training on the use and hazards associated with fire extinguishers, as well as general fire prevention.

There are additional topics that districts need training on to maintain a safe and secure school or worksite; different sites will have different priorities.

For any questions regarding this Safety Bulletin, or requests for free onsite safety 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!