# SafetyNet

## NJSIG'S SAFETY NEWSLETTER

February 2018

## Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- **Legal One/NJPSA/FEA:**
  "Conduct Away from School Grounds
  February 6, 2018 | 9 AM—12 PM
  **NJSIG's office:**
  6000 Midlantic Dr. Suite 300 North | Mount Laurel, NJ 08054
- Legal One training is free to all NJSIG members and $75 to non-members
- **Click here** for the full list for all Legal One's upcoming training opportunities.

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# The Opioid Epidemic

### The Crisis:

Drug overdose deaths and opioid-involved deaths continue to increase in the United States. The majority of drug overdose deaths (66%) involve an opioid. In 2016, the number of overdose deaths involving opioids (including prescription opioids and heroin) was 5 times higher than in 1999. From 2000 to 2016, more than 600,000 people died from drug overdoses. On average, 115 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose.

## Naloxone (Narcan):

The New Jersey State School Nurses Association position on the use of naloxone in the school setting is congruent with the National Association of School Nurses and is based on the following principals:

1. Opioid overdose has reached epidemic levels and includes misuse of prescription pain killers and use of illicit drugs
2. Naloxone is the antidote for opioid overdose. It is a life-saving medication
3. It is prudent for the school's emergency preparedness and response plan to include handling of opioid overdose. NJ certified school nurses are encouraged to collaborate with their school's governing body to create the emergency preparedness and response plan.
4. NJ certified school nurses need to abide by NJ administrative Code, Chapter 16, Programs to Support Development and The Nurse Practice Act It is judicious for the CSN to have the school board's medical director/school physician include naloxone as part of the standing orders, if it is deemed appropriate for the school nurse to have access to and possibly administer naloxone.

## Resources:

**Click here** for more information on Naloxone (an antidote for opioid overdose) in schools.
**Click here** for more information from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.
**Click here** to contact the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

# Boiler Certificate Reminder

Are all your boilers in great operating condition? State Law requires that all boilers have a valid inspection certificate, issued by the State, posted by the boiler. If each boiler does not have a current certificate, contact your NJSIG Loss Control Representative or the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection Hotline at 1-800-333-4677.

**Hartford Steam Boiler Hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday

[Click here](#) for more information.

# Common Fire Code Violations

It is so important to follow fire codes and standards. According to NJSIG's Loss Control Department, some of the most common fire code violations are as follows:

**#1 - Decorative Materials**
- Decor hanging from ceilings and pipes
- Storage too close the ceilings

**#2 - Blocked Passageways and Exit Doors**
- Path of egress
- Storage in hallways blocking Emergency Exits

**#3 - Flammable Liquid Storage**
- Improper storage of science lab chemicals
- Improper storage of janitorial supplies

**#4 - Classroom Doors (open/closing)**
- Classroom doors should be kept closed and locked to avoid any hazards

**#5 - Extension Cords**
- Should be kept to a minimum whenever possible
- Power strips plugged into extension cords
- Trip and fall hazards

[Click here](#) for the list of NFPA codes and standards
[Click here](#) for the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs codes and regulations

If you have any questions regarding compliance and safety, please contact your Loss Control Representative.

## NJSIG's February Safety Resources:

- [**Flu Season!**](#)
- [**PEOSH log posted from February 1 - April 30**](#)
- [**American Heart Month**](#)

## Safety Tip!

While on a ladder, never step back to admire your work!

## Upcoming Sub-fund Meetings

February 8 - ERIC North

February 9 - ERIC West

March 2 - NJEIF

March 9 - MOCSSIF

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**New Jersey Schools Insurance Group**

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**NJSIG Emergency Contacts**

**609-369-0535** - After Hours Claims Emergency Number
**212-915-8630** - School Violence Response Hotline
**201-623-1223** - NEPHA Hotline
**1-800-782-7463** - WeTip Bullying Hotline