



# SafetyNet

## NJSIG'S SAFETY NEWSLETTER



**April is  
Distracted Driving  
Awareness Month**

### Defensive Driving:

NJSIG is pleased to offer our members an accredited Defensive Driving course for their district school bus drivers and additional transportation staff. This service is included in NJSIG's membership and the entire course is available online. NJSIG partnered with National Safety Council (NSC) and will share a website with them. This will allow NJSIG's Safety and Risk Department to monitor the requests from our members, and to manage and verify all test results.

An in- person class used to take 6 hours and required all drivers to attend at one time. The online course is 4 hours in duration. The drivers will now have the convenience of taking the course at home and can work it around their individual driving schedules.

Please contact our Risk Control department at [riskcontrol@njsig.org](mailto:riskcontrol@njsig.org) to set up your online course.

[Click here](#) for more information from National Safety Council.

[Click here](#) for more information from NJSIG.

# Exciting News!!!



## NJSIG Gives Back **\$7,736,735** to Members in 20/21!

**\$3,279,199 in COVID-19 Refund!**  
**\$4,457,536 in Safety Grants!**

Business Administrators received an email from [noreply@njsig.org](mailto:noreply@njsig.org) on April 1, 2021 with access to the Safety Grant Portal! Your user name and the ability to reset your password were both provided. The grant application should take no more than a few minutes to complete. NJSIG does suggest that you present your resolution to your school board members as quickly as possible for approval. The deadline for resolutions is September 15, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joanne Gunter at 609-386-6060 x3021 or [grants@njsig.org](mailto:grants@njsig.org).

The Safety Grant Portal will close on June 1, 2021.

[Click here](#) for more information about NJSIG's COVID-19 Refund.

[Click here](#) for more information about NJSIG's Safety Grant Program.



**Unscramble:**

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*Find the answer on page 3.*

# National Playground Safety Week: April 26 - 30, 2021



According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, each year, more than 200,000 children ages 14 and younger go to U.S. hospital emergency departments with injuries associated with playground equipment. More than 20,000 of these children are treated for a traumatic brain injury, including [concussion](#).

As the weather warms up and trips to the park become frequent, take a moment to familiarize yourself with the risks on playgrounds and how you can prevent injuries.

- Check for Playground Hazards**
- Avoid Strangulation Hazards**
- Be Cautious of Too Much Sun Exposure**
- Allow Only Age-Appropriate Activities**
- Concussion and Youth Sports**

[Click here](#) for the complete article from the National Safety Council.

## Playground Inspections:

NJSIG can help you get back in the 'swing' of things. Playground inspections are included in NJSIG's membership. Please contact your Safety and Risk Control Representative or email your playground inspection request to [riskcontrol@njsig.org](mailto:riskcontrol@njsig.org).



## DID YOU KNOW?

### April Fast Facts:

- America's first astronauts were announced by [NASA](#) on April 9, 1959.
- The first [Webster](#) Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828.
- The [Revolutionary War](#) in America began on April 19, 1775.
- The United States [Library of Congress](#) was established April 24, 1800.
- [George Washington](#) was inaugurated on April 30, 1789.