



SAFETY NET

NJSIG'S SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Sprinkler Head Protection:

A Low-Cost Fix for High-Cost Risks

Know the risks.
Follow the rules.
Protect your facility.



Protecting Sprinkler Heads: A Simple Step to Prevent Major Damage

Scenario:

During gym class, a student launched a basketball high into the air—nothing unusual, just part of an energetic scrimmage. However, this routine play took a costly turn when the ball struck an overhead sprinkler head. The impact shattered the fragile glass bulb inside, activating the sprinkler and releasing hundreds of gallons of water onto the hardwood court.

By the time help arrived, the gym floor was significantly flooded. Between drying out the subfloor, refinishing damaged sections, and mold remediation, the total repair reached well into the five-figure range.

What Went Wrong?

The sprinkler head was unprotected, a common oversight in high-activity areas like gyms and cafeterias.

A Low-Cost Fix for a High-Cost Risk:

An effective and affordable solution school districts can incorporate is to install sprinkler cages that surround and protect the sprinkler head. These \$10-\$20 guards are easy to install and prevent damage without affecting sprinkler function.

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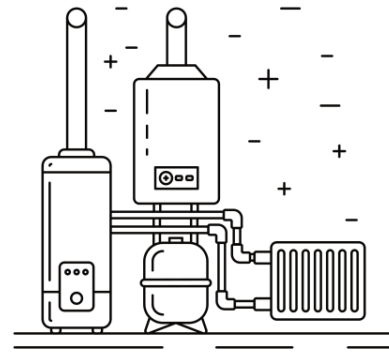
Please review [Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](#) standards to ensure compliance and avoid preventable losses.

In-Person Training - *Last one for 2025!*

Water Treatment Training
Boiler Controls & Safety Devices Training

Tuesday, September 30, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location:
CHUBB Risk Engineering Center
35 Columbia Road
Branchburg, NJ 08876



CHUBB Risk Engineering Services, in partnership with NJSIG, is offering its final in-person trainings of the year. These trainings are included as part of your NJSIG membership!

This opportunity is open to facilities management and maintenance staff from NJSIG-insured school districts, including buildings and grounds personnel, business administrators, and brokers.

Register by Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 at 1:00 PM. Visit [CHUBB Registration](#).

Note: NJSIG members must create an account before registering.

[Remaining CHUBB trainings \(virtual\)](#)



Back to Basics Through Systemic Change

Discover strategies and interventions designed to support teachers in managing challenging student behavior.

Student Behavior Management Toolbox for K-12

Actionable tools to help teachers manage difficult classroom situations.

[Student Behavior Management Toolbox](#)

Strategies for Managing Challenging Student Behavior

Practical techniques that can be implemented right away.

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Complete Behavior Strategy Guide

A comprehensive resource filled with effective interventions.

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K-12 Leaders: Resolving Conflicts & Supporting Collaboration

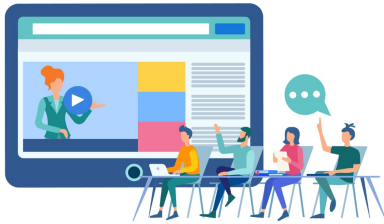
Support your staff and build a stronger school culture with these conflict resolution and collaboration strategies.

Leadership Tips for K-12 Administrators

Foster productive conversations and teamwork across your school community.

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