

JUMPSTART TO SUMMER

Summer is a great time to take corrective actions to repair the wear and tear that occurs during the months when school is in session. Prior to initiating work, it is prudent to create a checklist prioritizing the issues to be addressed based on a safety evaluation of the following areas: classrooms/facilities, campus grounds, and playgrounds/physical education (PE) equipment.

Classrooms/Facilities

Classrooms should provide a safe, effective learning environment for students. Instructors should be encouraged to note the following prior to leaving the classroom for summer:

- Is anything broken or deteriorated?
- Is everything neat and orderly?
- Are fans, motors, doors, etc., squeaking, making noises, or not operating properly?
- Do appliances emit smells?
- Are vents free of excessive dust or grime?



Campus Grounds

The campus exterior should be inspected for hazardous conditions, such as slip, trip, and fall hazards. Additionally, here are other items to look out for:

- Overgrown trees – growth onto buildings/hanging into pathways, damaged/lifted sidewalks from roots
- Parking lots – cracks/holes in asphalt, rebar protruding from cement parking blocks
- Sidewalks and pathways – debris, spalling cement, cracks/holes
- Damaged fencing
- Broken sprinklers - aimed to shoot away from buildings
- Insect, rodent, or animal nests
- Roof repairs
- Window coverings replacement

Playgrounds/PE Equipment

Playgrounds and PE equipment experience a lot of wear during the school year. Here are additional items to review during your safety evaluation:

- Depleted wood chips, vegetation growth, worn/damaged fall material
- Cracks or damage to equipment; graffiti removal
- Chipping/peeling paint
- Visible signage on structures (hard/hot surface, recommended ages, supervision)



Additional resources and information are available through ASCIP's website and your risk services consultants.