

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Environmental Safety

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize their obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff and community members. The County Office of Education shall identify and address potential risks to health and the environment and shall ensure that environmental resources are used in a responsible manner.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)

The County Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to prevent and/or reduce environmental hazards in accordance with law and state guidelines. Strategies shall include but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Considering air quality in the siting and architectural design of new or remodeled facilities and in the selection of building materials and furnishings and taking steps to reduce indoor air contaminants in maintenance operations
2. Ensuring the use of effective least toxic pest management practices at all County Office of Education schools and facilities

(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

3. Minimizing the exposure to lead in paint, soil or drinking water, especially in areas accessible to very young children
4. Inspecting and testing facilities for asbestos-containing materials and protecting persons during encapsulation and removal of any asbestos

The County Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall detail the County Office of Education's efforts to remedy the hazard.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

17366 Legislative intent (fitness of buildings for occupancy)

17582 Deferred maintenance fund

17590 Asbestos abatement fund

17608-17613 Healthy Schools Act of 2000

32240-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act

48980.3 Notification of pesticides

49410-49410.7 Asbestos materials containment or removal

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

11401-12408 Pest Control Operations and Agricultural Chemicals

13180-13188 Healthy Schools Act of 2000

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

340-340.3 Employer's obligation to provide safety information

1532.1 Construction safety orders, lead standard

5142 Heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems; minimum ventilation

5143 Mechanical ventilating systems; inspection and maintenance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

35001-35099 Accreditation in Lead Abatement Services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136-136y Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

2641-2656 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

763.93 Management Plans

763.94 Record keeping

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality, A Guide for Educators, 1995

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORIES

Lead Hazards in California's Public Elementary Schools and Child Care Facilities: Report to the California State Legislature, April 1998

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Pest Control in the School Environment: Adopting Integrated Pest Management, 1993

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Health Services, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch:
<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/childlead>

U.S. EPA: <http://www.epa.gov>

California Department of Pesticide Regulation: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>