

## **Webpage: Use of NJ Safe Schools/NJDOE Worksite Inspection Checklist by NJ Teachers**

Here are some of the hazards NJ teachers discovered while using the NJ SS Inspection Checklist:

- A slicing machine in a culinary workshop was not properly assembled and a blade was exposed.
- An exit was partially blocked by lumber in a building and carpentry classroom.
- First Aid Kits needed restocking/not available in multiple classroom types.
- Extension cords in computer lab posed a tripping hazard.
- A power tool in a carpentry workshop was laying out and exposed.
- Discovered machines without appropriate lockout/tag out hardware.
- Walkways were found to be wet, slippery and dangerous in a culinary workshop.
- Cleaning chemicals were not properly labeled.
- Walkways were obstructed by backpacks in a criminal justice workshop.
- A storage closet in a culinary workshop was disorganized and items were likely to fall and hurt someone.

## **Direct Quotes from NJ Teachers with details of their use of this checklist, by Career Cluster**

### **Architecture & Construction Career Cluster**

- “Using the inventory the two notable things that stood out was that my classroom was not very neat, with one power tool (drill) laying out and the one exit to outside was slightly blocked by a 2x4.” (recorded December 17, 2012)
- “...as I reviewed this checklist I could recall several days when various materials including lumber blocked the exits. Students have a tendency to lean lumber against the doors as they do their projects. This is a practice I will end. I did my inspection after a supply of lumber had been delivered. The lumber was stored approximately 8 feet off the ground; on top of the lumber, students stored their ‘in-progress’ projects. This created a falling hazard I had not previously paid attention to. (recorded December 20, 2012)
- We have a first aid kit on the wall but when I opened it I found there were only a few band aids and an ACE bandage. I went to the nurse and had the first aid kit re-stocked.” (recorded December 20, 2012)

### **Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster**

- “I inspected the TV studio and classroom that I use for the TV Production class. There are a few safety items missing... no First Aid kits. No fire extinguishers.... Extension cords don't have a grounding conductor. I see that there are a few things I need to list and submit to my department chair regarding safety in the TV studio.” (recorded December 29, 2012)

### **Hospitality & Tourism Career Cluster**

- "...I did note that one of our slicing machines was not properly assembled and the one blade was exposed. (...). I also found the storage closet to be very cluttered and disorganized. (...) Our walkways are clearly marked but upon inspection I found them to be wet. This is a slip hazard (...). We have a first aid kit but I found it inadequate for the types of injury some students may incur. (...). The checklist made me aware of problems that I walk past every day. I have been working in kitchens for over 20 years and I may have become complacent to some of these dangers. I often forget that the students do not have the experience around the dangerous equipment that I do." (recorded December 20, 2012)

### **Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Career Cluster**

- "It was great that we had a first aid [kit]; it was not so great that the kit was only about ¾ full. (...) This inspection led to the immediate re-stocking of the first aid kit. (recorded December 20, 2012)
- My aisles and walkways were clear and unobstructed during the inspection but I am now cognizant that during class students stage their book bags and back packs on the floor. The placement of these items obstructs the walkways and could pose a hazard. Book bags will now be placed under the computer tables. I found the checklist to be very inclusive and opened my eyes to threats I never perceived before." (recorded December 20, 2012)

### **Information Technology Services Career Cluster**

- "My reactions to the checklist were very enlightening. I learned several things while completing this checklist. I learned where the fire extinguishers are, I learned about the emergency kits that we had in our classes that I had not previously known about. I also learned that in my room there are several cords that need to be covered. I am actually going to contact our maintenance personnel and ask them if they can fix these cords in my computer lab." (recorded December 12, 2012)
- "I inspected my computer lab. I was a little shocked at how many things may need work just in my work place and the students learning place. I had a positive reaction to the checklist. I think it is extremely comprehensive and helps the teacher/coordinator/supervisor... as I mentioned, it did bring to my attention some of the way my classroom itself may be out of compliance." (recorded December 15, 2012)

### **Unknown Career Cluster**

- "I used the checklist to inspect my own classroom. I found the following needed to be addressed: three machines did not have lockout tag out hardware." (recorded January 10, 2012)
- "The list is eye opening. On inspection of my classroom I found: chemicals (cleaners) not properly labeled, what would be considered inadequate first aid supplies and equipment, no manual fire suppression or alarm (in room), [and] no in-room security surveillance system." (recorded January 22, 2012)