

Helping Islanders Get Active & Stay Healthy!

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Recreation PEI Inc. is a not-for-profit volunteer driven organization. It primarily is a community/facility based membership of those who have an interest in delivering and promoting recreation and physical

- Helping communities become healthier and more active
- Educating program leaders and facility directors
- Promoting risk management for programs and facilities

Community Recreation Programs should: promote participation and social interaction rather than excellence; provide social support (friendly, enjoyable, inclusive); use local facilities and promote local access; foster partnerships between local organisations - strengthening local networks and build capacity to manage projects or support skill acquisition.







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Upcoming Courses and Programs in Turf Management

The 46th Annual Turf Managers' Short **Course - January 26 to February 20**

at all aspects of turf and the best management practices to grow it well. Join your fellow turf professionals and learn from University of Guelph faculty and industry professionals. www.TurfManagers.ca

Maintaining Golf Courses Certificate -Courses Begin January 12

Study turf online from the comfort of your home or office. Whether for interest, professional development or to work towards a certificate, each 12 week course provides a thorough discussion of turf in relation to the golf course environment. www.GuelphHort.com

Ontario Turfgrass Symposium - Symposium Dates: February 18 and 19

Don't miss this four-week course which looks Attend OTS '15 "The Evolution of Green" with sessions on topics critical to today's turfgrass practitioner. The University of Guelph, an international leader in turf sciences. will host the 24th Annual Symposium. www.turfsymposium.ca

Associate Diploma in Turfgrass Management - Reg. Deadline: January 14

Canada's premier turfgrass diploma program offered at the main University of Guelph from leading turfgrass research scientists and experienced industry professionals with a fifteen week industry internship. www.guelphturfgrass.ca

campus blends forty-eight weeks of instruction

Canadian Infrastructure Report Card Survey

The FCM Report Card survey is now with communities awaiting response. There is a section dedicated to sport and recreation. Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) and Recreation PEI encourage a strong response rate to the survey.

Just a reminder for all relevant municipal staff to contribute their knowledge and expertise to the FCM Report Card survey. The deadline for responding to the survey is January 16, 2015.

Additional information and a printable survey at: www.canadainfrastructure.ca/en/index.html









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Health and Wellness

Winter 2014-15

Carbon Monoxide Monitoring in Arenas



An employer must keep the workplace safe and without risk to health, this is fully functioning. The includes air quality. It is imperative that Carbon Monoxide (CO) Monitors be used and calibrated regularly, to show due care and diligence in operating a safe environment in your arena.

If your arena has a hand held CO Monitor it should be calibrated at the beginning and middle of your ice season, along with any time the unit falls or gets bumped, with a log kept of the dates of calibration. When the unit

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is calibrated, the technician will test that it MSA Pulsar + Pro Single Gas Detectors have been replaced by the Altair or Altair Pro model (shown below). If your arena still has a MSA Pulsar you should have it calibrated as soon as possible.

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You can test and calibrate your CO monitor yourself with a canister of 'bump gas' (\$300 for a 34 liter can with a 1 year shelf life) and a regulator (\$200). With this equipment, you can check your CO monitor each time before using it.

Another option to detect CO gas is to install detectors that plug into an electric outlet that have a battery backup for power outages.

It is important to have an annual professional maintenance check, including emission tests on your ice resurfacer, edger and any other fuel operated equipment, such as gas powered pumps, to ensure good air quality in your arena.

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Why Your Facility Needs an A.E.D.

Community arenas and recreational equipment in the hands of people in centres, medical transport and fire facilities are a great place to gather for heart-healthy physical activity and socializing. But what happens when something goes wrong there? All indoor arenas and recreational

An AED is a safe and easy-to-use the heartbeat after a cardiac arrest. Used fast – and in conjunction with to apply. As well, special CPR – it can help keep a cardiac arrest victim alive until emergency help arrives.

The facility in your neighbourhood or community may be eligible to receive funding to install an AED and to train staff and key users in the skills of CPR/AED. It is all part of a partnership between the Government of Canada and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. intended to place this life-saving

large and small communities across departments. the country.

facilities (any facility that hosts 20 or more hours of indoor or outdoor To check the eligibility of your piece of equipment that helps re-set physical activity programming most facility or for an application form weeks of the year) are encouraged consideration may be given to locations such as community



How to apply for an AED for your community facility:

for a defibrillator for your facility, visit the Heart and Stroke website; www.heartandstroke.com and search AED in the search bar at the top of the page.

Additional questions about the Foundation's AED programs can be sent to: pad@hsf.ca

"Our goal is for every Canadian to learn CPR and to know how to use an AED in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest — and to take action." Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Snow Loading & Roof Failures

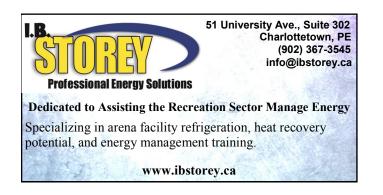
Owners of workplaces and/or employers at workplaces where there is snow on the roof of buildings should have the roofs assessed by a professional engineer to determine whether:

- The snow load is significant, or there are any visible signs of distress.
- If snow is excessive, the owner or employer should implement a safe snow removal procedure.
- A snow removal operation should avoid producing any uneven or concentrated loading on the roof.



- Areas onto which snow will be dumped from a roof should be secured to prevent access
- Also, workers on a roof must use fall-arrest or travel-restraint equipment.





Working Alone

A worker can be considered to be working alone if there is a reasonable expectation that a call for assistance will not or cannot be responded to and the worker's absence may not be noticed for some time. Risks to workers may be higher when they are working alone. A fall, exposure to dangerous chemicals or an assault can have very different consequences if a worker is alone than if the victim has co-workers in the immediate vicinity. The best (the way the work is managed) to reduce risk. work alone practices include employee training on recognizing risks and an effective communication plan. Procedures for Safe Work must be developed that identify • risks.

To identify risks, a risk assessment must be done. This will clarify the potential for an accident and the level and type of precautions necessary. Remember to consult employees when looking for solutions. Their contributions will make solutions workable.

Working at Heights

Everyday on PEI, people work at heights as part of their regular job duties. Because working at heights is dangerous business, these workers are protected by fall protection legislation.

Yet every year, too many compliance order are issued to island workplaces for fall protection violations. Serious injuries and fatalities have occurred because of a failure to follow the law.

The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) 'Zero Tolerance for Fall Protection Violations' is a strategy to prevent injury and death through an increased focus on compliance with the legislated fall protection requirements.

WCB Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Officers will be inspecting Island workplaces for fall protection and strictly enforcing the OHS Act and Regulations. Violations may result in stop work orders, prosecution under the OHS Act or fines up to \$250,000.



Risk Assessment:

- 1. Review your work history and determine what incidents have occurred there.
- 3. Consider your physical work environment and tasks being performed
- 4. Consider the administrative practices around your work

A Risk Assessment will:

- Look at the risks identified.
- Consider ways to eliminate risks where possible.
- Find a way to reduce risks where possible.
- Determine what written policies to develop.
- Train workers including supervisors, casual and part-time workers on tasks to avoid while alone.



C.P.R.A. Award of Merit

Recreation PEI is pleased to announce Nancy McMinn, Parks Superintendent for the City of Charlottetown Parks and Recreation Department, has received the Canadian Parks and Recreation



Association Award of Merit (presented to her by President of Recreation PEI, Andrew Avery).

