



Property and Casualty Coverage for Education

An ounce of prevention can save the day



Summer is prime time for vandals and arsonists

During the summer months, vandalism, property damage and arson at schools, ESDs and community colleges tends to increase. Anticipate this reality and plan ahead to prevent or lessen damages.

One of the simplest and most productive things you can do is get community and school organizations, neighbors and volunteers educated and involved. Explain your concerns and ask for their help. Ask them to pay special attention to unusual activity and to report any damage they see.

Consider sending a flyer or card home with students to parents before school ends. List police, fire and district personnel phone numbers so community members can first contact the police and then contact district staff.

Contact your local fire and police departments and request that they create sign-up sheets for officer drive-by times, and if possible, ensure that officers patrol district property on foot before, during and at the end of their shifts.

After suspicious activity has been reported to proper authorities, contact SDAO/PACE or your agent if there is damage. The sooner PACE is aware of the situation the sooner we can have the appropriate repairs completed so the next school year can start on time and on a happy note.

Other tips to help you avoid property damage over the summer break:

- Make sure the staff checks vacant buildings every day or every couple of days.
- Keep security systems on in vacant buildings.
- Ensure that police and fire officials know the usual status of lights, gates, locks, etc.
- Illuminate building exteriors and entrances.
- Trim or remove shrubbery and signs that obstruct views of facilities.
- Restrict access to roofs and upper floors.
- Keep school grounds clear of combustible materials such as landscape trimmings, newspapers, left-over paint, old rags and other trash.
- Make sure storage and infrequently visited areas are secure.
- All school fires must be reported to authorities and investigated.

(ORS 476.210 & .030, OAR 837-040-0010, OFC 401.3)

PACE provides a free arson-prevention kit and DVD. Call 800-285-5461.

Juvenile Firesetters Intervention, in the Office of the State Fire Marshal, offers free publications to help prevent arson. Call 800-454-6125 or send e-mail to judy.okulitch@state.or.us.

Don't let this happen to your school.



Training – Summer /Fall 2009

PACE, OSBA and SDAO provide effective, timely and affordable professional safety and loss-control-related training to help you avoid dangerous situations and potentially costly claims. All are offered at little or no cost for our 250-plus PACE members.

Special Districts Association of Oregon

- July 21-23 **Defensive Driving** – Roseburg
- Aug. 6-7 **HR Training** – Salem
- Sept. 9-11 **Playground Safety Inspector Course** – Portland
- Oct. 7 **Employee Best Practices** – Roseburg
- Oct. 15 **Employee Best Practices** – Bend
- Oct. 20 **Employee Best Practices** – Newport
- Oct. 28 **Employee Best Practices** – Salem

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Look for information coming soon on regional PACE/OSBA workshops. Look for updates at pace.osba.org.

Athletic Director Training

- Liability aspects of athletics
- Title IX issues
- Concussion training requirements.

PACE can also customize a workshop in your area on request. Some popular topics:

- Playground supervision
- Playground hazard assessment
- Custodial facility hazard assessment
- Adult and pediatric CPR/First Aid with AED
- MRSA (resistant staph infection) awareness
- Asbestos awareness
- Suggest a topic of your own



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PACE's Loss-Control Program

PACE works with you to keep claim costs down – which helps keep rates lower

PACE loss-control consultants would like to visit every member district at least once a year. Members get to know their consultants and have easy access to a wide range of education-related risk-management experience, increasing both safety and savings.

In the past school year, five PACE loss-control consultants have conducted risk assessments and trainings at 77 Oregon member locations – and provided hands-on, on-site services, including full facility audits and safety reviews.

Training can help members manage all kinds of risk – from playground supervision to defensive driving to CPR and first aid. Consultants can demonstrate the use of fire extinguishers, make ergonomic adjustments to equipment and explain athletic and PTA/PTO liability issues.

PACE consultants regularly update training programs. Training sessions are available regionally and on-site, and many are offered at little or no charge.

Members also save hundreds of dollars a year with criminal-history background checks and drug- and alcohol-testing available through PACE. Nationwide criminal background checks can be ordered online with results within 24 hours. PACE pays for enrollment and five background checks a year. PACE also pays for five drug and alcohol tests a year.

Loss-control services

- Physical inspection of facilities, with detailed safety recommendations
- Playground safety reviews
- Specialized safety checklists on a wide variety of potential hazards
- OR-OSHA compliance reviews
- Specialized training on a wide range of topics

Training & consultation topics

- Discrimination in hiring practices
- Performance appraisals
- Employee discipline
- Oregon Family Leave Act
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Crisis communication
- Sexual harassment
- Homeland security in Oregon
- Oregon Government Ethics Commission
- Oregon Public Records & Meetings Law
- Drug-free workplace and background investigations
- Conducting safety inspections
- Conducting internal investigations
- Employment law
- BOLI reporting requirements
- Conflict resolution
- Arson awareness and prevention
- Contract administration
- 20 things supervisors do to get sued



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Find out more at
pace.osba.org

For information or to schedule a
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