

ADVANTAGE NYSIR:

NYSIR's Approach to Risk Management

Through collaborative service, NYSIR helps its extended family of subscribing members control the risks and exposures that can harm public school districts.

Overview: The New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR), New York's premier provider of property and casualty insurance for school districts and BOCES, offers public schools a comprehensive school-based risk management program. Instead of treating insurance as a mere price-sensitive commodity, NYSIR's extended family of subscribing members control risks and exposures through collaboration and proactive risk management, which offers the prospect of safer schools and long-term cost containment.

Sharing Responsibility: NYSIR is a fully licensed insurance company that offers insurance programs customized for New York public schools and BOCES. It differentiates



itself from other insurers through a focused expertise in school risk management and safety and risk-reduction programs tailored for each participating member. The result is improved operations and preparedness that help members increase safety and, thus, reduce losses and expenses.

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The NYSIR risk-management program is school-specific—that is, designed to address loss exposures unique to school districts and BOCES. NYSIR members receive the following added-value services at no cost:

► Regular facility and operations evaluations –

To identify and reduce risks, NYSIR offers members risk evaluations of school district operations, activities and facilities. NYSIR also performs policy and procedure reviews on such issues as district employment practices, social media and anti-bullying practices.



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- ▶ **Special inspection services** – Additional visits to evaluate specific areas of concern (such as playground equipment, athletic fields and school security) are scheduled as requested by members.
 - ▶ **Risk transfer** – To further protect members, NYSIR provides comprehensive risk transfer services, including reviews of service contracts, construction agreements and certificates of insurance for compliance. NYSIR helps members reduce potential losses and claims costs by helping them transfer risk through the effective use of insurance documentation and indemnification language. Transfers typically involve facility users, consultants, contractors and transportation providers.
 - ▶ **In-district training opportunities** – NYSIR offers custom, on-demand training programs for individual members. Popular sessions include training for playground monitors, security staff and maintenance staff, as well as training on topics such as employment liability.
 - ▶ **Support material** – NYSIR maintains a library of safety and risk management materials and publications for members. The Risk Management Central area on NYSIR's website (NYSIR.org) provides in-depth information on sexual assault and molestation prevention; employment practices; cyber-security; frequently asked questions; boiler machinery and facilities; social media responsibility; mental health resources; risk transfer and environmental compliance.
 - ▶ **Risk management consulting services** – NYSIR members have unlimited access to NYSIR risk management solutionists for answers to questions and research concerning physical hazards, district activities, procedures, school security, employment practices, transportation, and waiver and release forms.
 - ▶ **NYSIR regional seminars**: With its strategic partners, NYSIR sponsors regional seminars throughout New York and virtually to address current trends and legal issues that create potential loss exposures for public school districts and BOCES. Topics include cyber-security, school violence, employment practices liability, bullying prevention, sports and athletic safety, risk transfer, and boiler and electrical safety.
 - ▶ **NYSIR Online University** – NYSIR offers over 45 web-based training programs on a wide range of topics for its member districts and BOCES. Additionally, members can earn CTLE hours by completing 37 designated courses.
- Learn more at www.nysir.org from The Office of the Executive Director, at 516-393-2324. ■

