

2017 RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING



AHERA - ASBESTOS AWARENESS TRAINING

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
Billerica Town Hall Room 210 (top floor)
365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA 01821
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools regulation (40 CFR Part 763) requires that public and not-for-profit non-public, elementary and secondary schools be inspected to determine the presence of asbestos-containing building materials and that asbestos management plans be developed as a result of those inspections. The Local Education Agency (LEA) must designate a person (designated person) to ensure that the responsibilities of the LEA, as detailed in the regulations, are properly implemented.

Bridget McGuinness of the New England Consortium will conduct this training for custodians and the AHERA designated training person in each community.

Topics Addressed:

- **General Awareness for Custodians**
- **Review of Designated Person AHERA Management plan requirement**

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) applies to all schools K-12, including public, private, charter and church affiliated schools, whether the school buildings are owned or leased. AHERA requires Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to conduct specific activities to identify asbestos in the school buildings, and to keep the asbestos containing materials (ACM) in good condition. The use of properly trained and/or licensed people to conduct asbestos related activity is also an AHERA requirement.

General Asbestos Awareness training is mandatory for custodial and maintenance personnel who work in a school building where asbestos is present or is assumed to be present. AHERA requires that these employees receive awareness training within 60 days of hire, whether or not they will be disturbing asbestos. The asbestos awareness training covers the following topics: asbestos properties, general health effects, how to manage asbestos safely in place, operations and maintenance practices, locations of asbestos in the building, and the asbestos management plan.

The Designated Person training focuses on the AHERA Management Plan requirements for schools K-12 as it pertains to the role and responsibility of the AHERA Designated



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Bridget McGuinness previously worked for EPA as an environmental engineer and has a BS in civil engineering and numerous Massachusetts licenses and certifications AIHA accreditation.



Person. The seminar expands on the asbestos awareness to include topics such as: selecting licensed personnel for abatement projects or inspections, notifications, asbestos air testing, AHERA recordkeeping requirements, obligations for new and renovated schools, proper management of asbestos materials, and the operations and maintenance program. MA DLS reviews the top 10 AHERA violations and provides resources to Local Education Agencies for determining AHERA compliance

Attendance at this seminar qualifies the MIIA member for .5% credit under the FY17 Property or Workers Compensation MIIA Rewards category.