

DID YOU KNOW?



## Recreation Environments

### FAST FACTS

- A *Refrigeration Plant Operator's Certificate* is required to operate most arenas and curling rinks (ice plants under 100 tonnes).
- Facility operators must ensure concessions follow Food Safety Regulations under the Public Health Act, whether they are run by volunteers or contracted out.
- The Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan (TSASK) is a non-profit company that administers Saskatchewan's safety program for boilers, pressure vessels, elevating devices and amusement rides.
- To keep users and operators safe, the Saskatchewan Arena Air Quality Program outlines air quality standards and recommendations for controlling exhaust emissions.
- Employees 15 years and younger must complete a *Young Workers Readiness Certificate*.
- The *Occupational Health and Safety Act* regulations ensure the safety of your employees and the users of your facilities.

### TESTIMONIALS

*"The improvements to the Edam Community Centre will ensure everyone can take part in a healthy, active lifestyle. Recreational infrastructure is often the hub of activity in our local communities."*

- Larry Doke, MLA for Cut Knife-Turtleford

*"This 'new' Community Centre is not only our Recreation Centre, it is our Community Hall and Emergency/ Disaster Centre. With a generator capable of supplying full power to the entire facility, we can house and feed displaced residents in the time of emergency."*

- Larry McDaid, Mayor of Edam

(Source: Canada's Economic Action Plan Delivers Upgrades to Edam's Community Centre, June 30, 2012)



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## RISK MANAGEMENT

A risk management plan not only protects the public from injury and harm, but also helps prevent loss of the organization's resources. Accidents are unpredictable and can happen at any time. By taking action now, you are protecting yourself and your clients from possible injury or worse.

### When was the last time you performed an Operational Risk Assessment?

- Do you have an up-to-date policies and procedures manual?
- Have you compared your operations with others in the field?
- In the event of an emergency does all your staff know what to do?
- Do you have an updated list and operating instructions for safety equipment?
- Is your staff adequately trained in their use?

If you answered "NO" to any of these questions you may be putting your organization or your community at risk. Take action now to ensure your operations are safe!

- Employ qualified, well trained staff.
- Review your programs to guarantee that you have regular maintenance routines and that you keep good records.
- Have comprehensive emergency action plans.
- Establish simple up-to-date policies and procedures for the operation of your services and confirm that everyone involved is aware of and understands them.
- Contact your local insurance company and inquire about risk assessment services.
- Reducing exposure to risk is one of the most important services we can provide for our users. And it's as easy as getting started!

(Source: ORFA Safe Facility Operation Train the Trainer Manual)

## HOW CAN SPRA HELP?

### ■ Advice

SPRA Field Consultants are available to provide support to your recreation or parks organization and offer information on recreation environments. Visit [www.spra.sk.ca/sprastaff](http://www.spra.sk.ca/sprastaff) to find the Field Consultant nearest to you.

### ■ Training and Education

The Spring Education and Training Symposium connects Recreation Directors, Facility Managers, Park Operators and Volunteers with practical and applicable knowledge pertaining to the parks and facilities sector.

Visit [www.spra.sk.ca/springsymposium](http://www.spra.sk.ca/springsymposium) for more information.

The SPRA Facility Management program contributes to the training of operators and the efficient operation of facilities. Certificates may be obtained in each of these courses:

- Pool Operator Course
- Arena Operator Level 1 Course
- Arena Operator Level 2 Course

Visit [www.spra.sk.ca/facilitycourses](http://www.spra.sk.ca/facilitycourses) for more information.

### ■ Resource Centre

There are many FREE resources available to help you set your ideas in motion. Check out titles like:

- *Managing Sport Facilities*
- *Facility Manager's Maintenance Handbook*
- *Insurance in Sport and Recreation: A Risk Management Approach*

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