

School Risk Management

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Planning

- 30-60-90 day
- Can't plan before knowing current status

The new RM



Identified approx. 50 EH&S items

- Some required by law
- Some best practices
- All are complex and require lots of “subcategories”



Examples of EH&S items:

- Accident prevention program
- Accident & Incident reporting and investigation – claims link???
- Animal Policy / animals on premises
- Asbestos
- Biological hazards
- Chemical Management: Laboratories, Art, CTE, Custodial Chemicals, M&O, Food Service etc. Hazard communication, Chemical Hygiene Plan, Spills / Emergency Response Plan, compressed gasses, etc.
- Confined Space Program
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- All the way through the alphabet

Goal of School RM

- Safe and healthy environment for students and staff
- Minimize accidents, illnesses and financial loss
- Support the quality and continuity of education
- Equity in education
- Responsible stewardship of RM resources

NEEDED

- Change in perspective: safety built into all activities right from the planning
- Administrative and financial support
- Clarification of roles and responsibilities of employer and employees (WAC)

The future of school Risk Management

Proactive safety culture

Responsibility, accountability

Collaborative partnerships

System thinking

Ongoing application of the RM principles

