



New Jersey  
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## Do you have a school health and safety concern?

Below are descriptions of government agencies that can be helpful on school health and safety concerns. School staff, parents, and older students may wish to contact them to obtain information, advice, and publications. In some cases, obtaining an onsite enforcement inspection is also possible.

**Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH)** Program is responsible for health and safety enforcement for staff in New Jersey public schools.

Health hazards such as indoor air quality, mold, and chemical hazards  
New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services  
**Phone:** 609-984-1863  
[www.state.nj.us/health/eoh/peoshweb/](http://www.state.nj.us/health/eoh/peoshweb/)

Safety hazards, discrimination, and record-keeping  
New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
**Phone:** 609-292-7036 or 800-624-1644  
[http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lisse/employer/Public\\_Employees\\_OSH.html](http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lisse/employer/Public_Employees_OSH.html)

**Indoor Environments Program** in the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services can offer information, advice, and sometimes enforcement on issues such as asbestos, lead, mold, vapor intrusion, and the EPA Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program.  
**Phone:** 609-631-6749  
[www.state.nj.us/health/iep/index.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/health/iep/index.shtml)

**Communicable Disease Program** in the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services can offer information, advice, and sometimes enforcement on issues such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, meningitis, vaccines, etc.  
**Phone:** 609-588-7539  
[www.state.nj.us/health/cd/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/index.html)

**Cancer Epidemiology Program** in the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services can offer information and advice about cancer cluster concerns in the workplace and community.  
**Phone:** 609-588-3500  
[http://nj.gov/health/ces/cancer\\_cluster.shtml](http://nj.gov/health/ces/cancer_cluster.shtml)

**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection** can offer information, advice, and enforcement on contamination of school sites, school bus idling, integrated pest management, radon, lead in drinking water, ozone and other air pollutants, and mercury.

- School facilities issues, **609-777-0122**. [www.nj.gov/dep/school/](http://www.nj.gov/dep/school/)
- Contamination of school sites, **800-253-5647**. [www.nj.gov/dep/srp](http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp)
- School bus idling, **609-292-7953**. [www.nj.gov/dep/stopthesoot/](http://www.nj.gov/dep/stopthesoot/)
- Integrated pest management, **609-530-4070**, [www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/pcp/pcp-ipm.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/pcp/pcp-ipm.htm)
- Radon, **800-648-0394**. [www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm)
- Lead in drinking water, **609-292-5550**. [www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/contaminants-dw.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/contaminants-dw.htm)
- Ozone and air pollutants, **609-292-0138**. [www.nj.gov/dep/airmon/cfpage.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/airmon/cfpage.htm)
- Mercury, **609-984-6070**. [www.nj.gov/dep/dsr/mercury\\_task\\_force.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/dsr/mercury_task_force.htm)

**Division of Codes and Standards** in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) enforces the Uniform Construction Code in Abbott Districts, including issuing certificates of occupancy. The division enforces elevator safety, the Asbestos Hazard Abatement Subcode, also known as Subchapter 8 of the Uniform Construction Code as well as the Lead Hazard Abatement rules in all buildings and structures undergoing lead hazard abatement. **Phone:** 609-984-7609. [www.state.nj.us/dca/codes](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/codes)

**Local Construction Code Officials** enforce the Uniform Construction Code in non-Abbott districts. Find your code official at [www.state.nj.us/dca/codes/misc/pdf/muniroster.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/codes/misc/pdf/muniroster.pdf)

**New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA)** is responsible for monitoring construction-related health and safety problems in public schools if the projects are funded by them. [www.njsda.gov](http://www.njsda.gov)

- Southern NJ - **609-943-5955**
- Hudson Region, Jersey City - **201-915-3477**
- Newark Region - **973-648-8335**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** is responsible for health and safety enforcement for employees of private contractors working in the public schools, for example, construction workers and privatized custodians. **Phone:** 1-800-321-6742, toll-free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

**Local Health Departments** can offer information, advice, and sometimes enforcement on issues related to sanitation, food safety, noise, and other public health nuisances. Find your local health department by calling **1-800-367-6543**. [www.state.nj.us/health/lh/directory/lhdselectcounty.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/health/lh/directory/lhdselectcounty.shtml)

**Local Fire Officials** can offer information, advice, and enforcement inspections on fire extinguishers, sprinklers, alarms, exits, and flammable materials. Find your local fire officials in the government pages of the phone book. [www.nj.gov/nj/govinfo/county/localgov.html](http://www.nj.gov/nj/govinfo/county/localgov.html)