

Testimonial received, November 2, 2007, after a written request for stories on how the NPSI and PSINA have helped Certified Playground Safety Inspectors do their job.

Hello Ken

My name is Paul Becker I work at a school. I do most of the work on our playgrounds. I did a lot of repairs and did what I thought was right. Well not true.

The person in charge of compliance got a letter from MPA looking for someone to go to a CPSI course. Thank goodness she said, "Let's send Paul." Well am I glad the School did just that. I really did most of my repairs incorrectly.

Well the story goes on. I did go to class. I passed the class, got home, started to work trying to figure out where to start on the task at hand; auditing and inspecting the playground that I love dearly. I got out my ASTM, CPSC, Test Kit, Paper and Pencil. Yes, got to the site. Looked it over and found out, "I have no idea where to start." So I packed every thing up, went back inside, sat down, and said; "I need something to show me the right way to do this." I have no inspection forms, no guidelines, and nowhere in the CPSC or ASTM does it give a clear up front place to start. So I sat there thinking where can I get some help? Call the instructor from the class? MRPS? NSPR? Where do I get some help?

I got to work the next day and thought some more and then remembered the book that came with the class, *Playground Safety Is No Accident*. I had looked at it real quick a couple of times and then as I was looking at the book; there it was, all the help I need right there in front of me. I really did not know who to thank at the time. But thank you all. That book saved me great amounts of time and frustration. It had it all Forms including instructions on how to use the forms, All I needed was to go to the playgrounds and do my Audit. I could not believe it. Could this happen to me? One of the greatest things on earth, the book by the name of *Playground Safety Is No Accident*, was already there waiting for me to use.

Since that happened I have renewed my certification as a CPSI and just found out there is a new ASTM. Oh no! Changes! Well that will be OK now. I can do this.

Since then we got a new play structure installed and I went out and did the CPSI thing and audited the structure. Well, with my hand righting you can't read the audit. I asked the technology department if they could find the audit forms online and they did. The folks from your group had it there ready for us to use. Even thought, that is when I found out that the forms were a little different. I am really looking forward to the new book.

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