NY’s “Green Cleaning” in Schools Law

- Implementation Date: Sept 1, 2006
- Applies to all schools in New York
What it requires:

- Schools must use “environmentally sensitive” cleaning and maintenance products in buildings used for instructional purposes
- Schools could deplete existing supply stocks
What is “Environmentally Sensitive”? 

- Products that minimize adverse impacts on children's health and the environment 
- Guidelines, specifications and lists of acceptable products provided by NYS Office of General Services
Asbestos

- Is dangerous *only* when it becomes friable or damaged & crumbly

- Found in:
  - pipe insulation
  - acoustic tile
  - vinyl floor tile
  - auditoriums

- Must be sampled and tested by an expert
Asbestos Standard/AHERA Law

- **Identification:**
  - Asbestos-containing materials need to be identified with sampling to confirm asbestos
  - Regular inspections of schools

- **Asbestos Control Plan:**
  - All work that disturbs asbestos must be done in a regulated area by trained workers wearing protective gear & using the proper equipment
  - Must have a written asbestos management plan at every school site

- **Hazard Communication:**
  - School district must make staff, students and others aware of the presence of asbestos through training, signs, and labels.

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EPA Asbestos Worker Protection Rule extends the OSHA asbestos protections to public employees not covered by state OSHA laws.
NYS Code Rule 56

- Regulates how asbestos is handled
- Workers disturbing or cleaning up must be trained
- Specific requirements for how to set up work area
- Air monitoring
- Employee notification
Tasks that need training, assessment, and approval by a Registered Professional Nurse

- Clean dressings
- Vital Signs
- Observation of drip gastrostomy feeding
- Stopping drip feeding when ended (no flushing required)
- Intake & Output measurement
- Assisting self-directed students with medications.
- External catheter care
- External care of indwelling catheter
Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in School

- All schools must have at least one for emergencies (school sponsored events)
- # based on size and layout, location of buildings, sports events
Who Uses the AED?

- Where it would be an inherent part of the job
- If Not – what is the recourse?