

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 a
 - 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.

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?