

The Risk Review



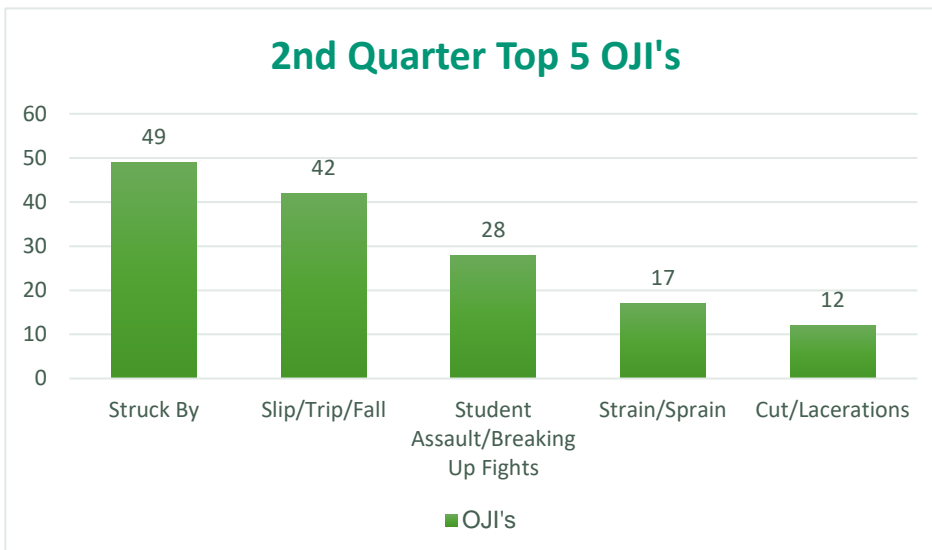
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Risk Management News

On-the-Job Injury Updates

The chart below lists the school district's top 5 OJI incident categories for the second quarter (Oct – Dec) for the fiscal year, 2025 – 2026 highlighting Struck By injuries as the #1 OJI trend.

There are 3 contributing factors to these Struck By injuries: (1) employees struck by objects; (2) hit & struck by person(s) other than assault; and (3) struck by chair injuries.



See Risk Management's website, www.scsk12.org/riskmanagement, for additional information on insurance coverages, OJI & student/visitor incident reporting, safety & loss control, and other forms & services.

Risk Review Reminder: AED Drills must be done ANNUALLY by the school nurse, principal, or school designee in addition to the monthly AED inspection. This includes a check of the following: locating the device, checking the expiration dates on equipment, battery light blinking, adult pads installed, and child pads in the AED cabinet. If any items are missing, expired, or non-functional, then note this in the Office of Learning Support Services comments and contact Risk Management at 416-5515 or by service request form: <https://www.scsk12.org/riskmanagement/?PN=24>

Property & Liability News

BOUNCE HOUSES & INFLATABLE SLIDES

Bounce House and Inflatable safety is vital to prevent student injuries. Per the Journal of Pediatric Surgery, "the frequency and rate of **pediatric bounce house injuries** has increased steadily since 2000. The most severe injuries occur disproportionately in children > 6 years old."

• **Enclosed Bounce Houses are prohibited at the schools and across the District.**

• Always refer to vendor's instructions concerning setup and usage on the inflatable equipment. This includes weight capacity & maximum persons.

• Ensure proper setup of the inflatable.

• Inspect the inflatable prior to use and document this inspection.

• A vendor attendant must be present to watch & monitor their inflatable equipment. If the vendor is absent, then a minimum of 2 staff members are required to watch & monitor the inflatable and ensure students are behaving safely.

• Children should NEVER slide down a water slide backwards.

• For inflatable slides, the number of students should be limited to a maximum of 4 persons (1 climbing up, 1 at the top waiting, 1 going down the slide, and 1 in the collecting pool exiting).

• Never use inflatables in high winds or inclement weather.

• Remove shoes & any sharp objects from in or around the inflatable.

For more information on the Journal of Pediatric Surgery's study, please see the following link: [Distribution of injury in inflatable jumping amusements in the U.S. over the last 20 years - ScienceDirect](https://doi.org/10.1054/jps.2003.3700)

Focus on Safety

EYE PROTECTION SAFETY

The month of March is Eye Protection Safety Awareness. The requirements of eye protection are covered in OSHA's Personal Protective Equipment (1910.133) and Hot Work/Welding (1910.252) standards. Please see the following safety tips and hazard identifiers and wear Eye Protection for your Safety!

HAZARDS REQUIRING EYE PROTECTION

- Flying Particles (dust generated from cleaning or metal generated from grinding/abrading of machinery)
- Chemical Splashes (chemical mixing, cleaning, or spraying)
- Ultraviolet (UV) radiation (welding, hot work, cutting)
- Vapors (environmental or chemical related)
- Impacts (nails, staples or wood splinters)
- Universal Precautions (blood or bodily fluids)

TYPES OF SAFETY EYEWEAR

(established by **ANSI/ISEA Z87.1-2025**, all safety eyewear should have this standard on the packaging)

- Safety Glasses (to be worn when flying particles or when there are impact hazards)



- Safety Goggles (to be worn during chemical mixing, cleaning, or spraying or when environmental/chemical vapors are present and when contamination of blood or bodily fluids is a hazard)



KEEP EYE PROTECTION AT THE FOREFRONT AND YOUR EYES SAFE

- ✦ The majority of eye injuries result from small particles or objects.
- ✦ Select and wear the right eye protection.
- ✦ Encourage your peers to do the same.



- Welding Helmets/Hoods (to be worn when UV radiation is present)



SAFETY TIPS & REMINDERS

- Supervisors **must** complete a Personal Protective Equipment hazard assessment to determine what employee-related hazards are present.
- Request Safety Eyewear from your Supervisor if any hazards discussed in this article are present. *(per OSHA 1910.132(h), this is at no cost to the employee)*
- Always inspect the eyewear prior to use and note any damages or defects to your supervisor.
- Make certain the safety eyewear fits correctly.
- Replace any damaged or defective safety eyewear and request new eyewear from your supervisor.
- Never share safety eyewear with other employees.

If you get something in your eye, then get to an eyewash station or solution immediately!

Risk Management Additional Info:

For more information on Safety, Loss Control & Prevention please contact the Risk Management department at (901)416-5515 or riskmanagement@scsk12.org

"Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility"



Office of Risk Management