



United States
Environmental Protection Agency


Indoor Environments Division



IAQ Tools for Schools

Schools should implement IAQ Tools for Schools to reduce asthma and other indoor environmental health issues.









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IAQ Tools for Schools

- ◆ Prevent air quality problems (including pesticides)
- ◆ Resolve such problems promptly if they do arise




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IAQ Tools for Schools

- ◆ Practical actions by school staff without need for training
- ◆ Flexible to conform to specific needs of any school




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- ◆ Prevention costs less and takes less time than resolving problems
- ◆ Problems prevented by educating staff and students
- ◆ Problems can often be resolved in-house
- ◆ If outside assistance is needed, school officials are knowledgeable




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Consequences of Poor IAQ in Schools




- ◆ Increased long and short term health problems
- ◆ Spread of airborne infectious diseases
- ◆ Aggravation of asthma and other respiratory illnesses
- ◆ Unfavorable learning environment
- ◆ Reduced productivity of teachers and staff




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Consequences of Poor IAQ in Schools (cont.)



- ◆ Deterioration of school's physical plant and equipment
- ◆ Increased risk of vacating rooms or buildings
- ◆ Strained relationships among staff, administration and parents
- ◆ Negative school publicity
- ◆ Potential liability problems



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Implementation

- ◆ Shared responsibilities and cooperative effort

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- ◆ Manages team and provides leadership
- ◆ Prepares for emergency responses
- ◆ Disseminates IAQ information

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- ◆ Developing a profile of current IAQ
- ◆ Preventing IAQ problems
- ◆ Solving any IAQ problems

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Action Packets are comprised of:

- ◆ School Memo
- ◆ IAQ Backgrounder and Management Plans
- ◆ Checklists

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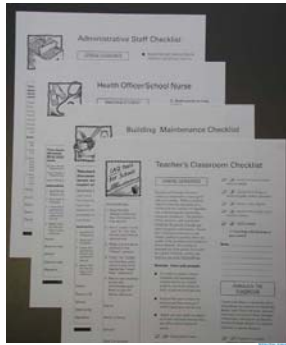
School Memos

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Management Plans

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Checklists



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Ordering Information

To receive IAQ Tools for Schools Kit at no cost, send a request on school letterhead to:

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