

# Playground Maintenance Training Course

February 15-16, 2023

**In Person**

**Robert Miller Community Center**

**Burlington, VT**

130 Gosse Court, Burlington, VT 05408

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**VERMONT**  
Recreation & Parks Association

**Perfect for your park staff!**

Join us for this long standing, popular course organized by the Eppley Institute at Indiana University

**This in-person course features two days of instructor with a completion certificate**  
1.6 CEU credits



**Register by January 13th, 2023!**

# Course Description

The PMT training program is the most comprehensive, long-standing maintenance and inspection training program for playgrounds in the country. It teaches systems, process, and best practices in proactive maintenance to prevent incidents and minimize liability.

The two-day PMT training focuses on practical playground maintenance practices, inspection principles and best practices in making repairs. Course modules explore the maintenance challenges associated with the common materials found in playgrounds, including concrete, metal, wood, plastics, fasteners and various surfacing materials. Through videos and case studies, participants learn about the types of playground inspections, how to repair damaged equipment and associated legal considerations. A virtual playground offers participants the opportunity to apply newly learned skills.

*This course is different than NRPA's CPSI certification course, as this is a much more involved maintenance course for your front line workers. These two programs differ but do compliment each other, so you can do both. The VRPA is hosting a CPSI course this year April 4-6, 2023 as well.*



## Course Details & Schedule:

Over two days participants will go through the course together. There will be an instructor, dynamic group activities, an online playground platform tool, and much more used throughout the course.

### February 15th:

#### Day 1

##### **8:00 a.m. Sign-in and Get Materials**

Welcome and Introductions  
Playground Maintenance Process

##### **Break**

Playground Liability  
Hazard Prevention  
Playground Materials - Concrete

**Around Noon:** Lunch to be provided  
Surfacing on the Playground

##### **Break**

Playground materials – Metals  
Playground materials – Fasteners/Connectors

**4:00 p.m. Wrap up and evaluation**



# Course Details & Schedule:

**February 16th:**

**Day 2**

**8:00 a.m.** Begin Day 2 with Questions from Day 1

Playground materials – Wood

Playground materials – Plastics

Inspection Process

**Break**

Record Keeping and Documentation

Removing Equipment from Service

**Around Noon:** Lunch to be provided

**Break**

Virtual Playground

**3:45 p.m.** Wrap up and evaluation



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## Course Instructor:

Jesse Kinsland has over 20 years of experience in playground inspections, audits and maintenance and brings his experiences to life in the Playground Maintenance Technician program. He retired for the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) where he was responsible for risk management consulting and presenting a variety of risk management and safety related topics, including playground inspection, maintenance and accident investigation. Prior to his work at PDRMA, he started his career at the Champaign Park District where he was responsible for inspecting, maintaining and auditing the systems playgrounds. He has been a Certified Playground Safety Inspector since 2000.

**Jesse Kinsland, CPSI**



# Registration Details

Register Online through the VRPA website  
here: [www.vrpa.org](http://www.vrpa.org)

Deadline to Register is  
**January 13, 2023.**

*No refunds will be issued after the  
registration deadline!*

## **Cost:**

**\$440.00** - VRPA Members

**\$465.00** - non-VRPA Members

*Please indicate if you need accessibility  
accommodations during the course.*



**REGISTER HERE**



# General Information

## Who Should Attend:

Park, Building, & Playground Maintenance Staff

Managers & Directors

Playground Safety Inspectors

Supervisory staff & administrators

Public Works Departments & Agencies such as YMCA's



The Playground Maintenance Technician training program is designed for front-line, “boots-on-the-ground” staff and their supervisors who are responsible for regular, hands-on inspection and maintenance of playground equipment. PMT focuses on practical, real-world application of common playground inspection, maintenance and corrective action practices.

## How will this course benefit your organization?

Participants will learn the maintenance needs and process to enhance your organization's safety and inspection program. This knowledge will help keep children safer and lower risk and liability for your organization.

**Class Instructor:** The course will be instructed by Fred Cahill, of Illinois

**Class Size:** A minimum of 25 participants with a maximum of 45 participants may register for this course.

**Cancellation Policy:** No refunds will be issued for those registered after the registration deadline of January 13th, 2023

# General Information (Cont.)

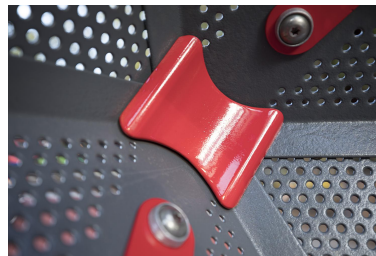
**Study Materials:** At the first day of the course each participant will be given a participant guide along with a manuscript. These materials are yours to keep after the completion of the course. Studying prior to the course is not required.

**CEU Credits:** You may obtain 1.5 CEU Credits through the VRPA for participation and completion of this course. After the completion of the course participants must submit their CEU form to the VRPA to be signed and returned for your records.

**Exam:** The PMT Training Course does not issue a formal, written exam. Instead, it features a Virtual Playground during the second day to showcase your knowledge.

## Hotel Reservation information:

- A room block for those needing a hotel has been set up at the Hampton Inn - Colchester. Complimentary breakfast is available at this location. Discounted Room block rates are available February 14th, & February 15th, 2023 at **\$115 per night** +tax. **Call 802-655-6177 to reserve your hotel room by January 16th, 2023!**







**Register before January 13th, 2023 to be included in the course**