

# THE SAFETY ZONE



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## Benefits of Joining an Association

No matter what your position in any organization the more you know, the more you grow. Here are some local and state organizations that can help you become a better school transportation professional:

### **New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT)**

This association represents the professionals who are responsible for the safe and efficient transportation of school children who ride a yellow school bus each day. Members come from many levels within the school bus industry from supervisors and managers, to any person who is part of the school transportation team.

NYAPT also has 19 Chapters throughout New York State that meet on a regular basis and are engaged in a variety of learning opportunities for members. Chapter meetings include guest speakers, committees related to school bus safety, and community events.

In addition each year in July NYAPT hosts an annual School Transportation Conference and State ROAD-EO. To learn more about NYAPT visit [www.nyapt.org](http://www.nyapt.org).

**NY Head Mechanics Association (NYHMA)** - This Association looks to promote the professionalism of school bus mechanics and those involved in school bus maintenance. There are several chapters that meet throughout New York State.

The website [www.nyhma.org](http://www.nyhma.org) offers a forum where visitors can get information about school bus repairs including tires and recalls or information regarding DOT questions.

Each summer NYHMA hosts a Summer Safety and Training Seminar that brings members together for a day of workshops and seminars.

### **International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP)**

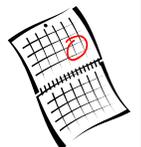
- If you provide administrative/clerical support to your employer, you are an administrative professional. Within this organization is opportunities to network, share ideas, attend educational programs and hear guest speakers. IAAP, like many associations, has a Facebook page and offers online learning that includes credit towards a certification to help with career advancement. There is a local chapter in Syracuse, visit [iaap-syracuse.org](http://iaap-syracuse.org) for more information.

## Upcoming Events

**2014 National School Bus Safety Week:** October 20-24, 2014. Annual event designed to promote school bus safety throughout the country. Includes Poster Contest theme: "**Be Smart - Be Seen, I wait in a safe place!**"

**Special Needs School Bus Safety Extravaganza:** Sat., Nov. 8, 2014, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. TST BOCES, Ithaca, NY. This Extravaganza is a chance to practice your skills when transporting children with special needs in a friendly, learning-centered environment. Cost \$10 per driver/attendant team includes t-shirt, refreshments, and

lunch. Contact Robin Parks, TST BOCES at 607/257-1555, x6007.



**National Assoc. for Pupil Transp. Conference & Trade Show:** Nov 8 - 11, Kansas City, Missouri. Visit <http://www.napt.org/annual-summit/> for more info.

## PPE Devices Safety Quiz

Personal protective equipment (PPE) for the eyes and face is designed to prevent or lessen the severity of injuries to workers. Directions: Read each statement carefully and mark the response that best answers the question.

1. A large percentage of eye injuries are caused by direct contact with chemicals.
  - A. True
  - B. False
2. A hazard that includes flying objects such as large chips, fragments, particles, sand, and dirt is known as a:
  - A. Heat Hazard
  - B. Chemicals Hazard
  - C. Dust Hazard
  - D. Impact Hazard
3. Working in a dusty environment does not cause eye injuries.
  - A. True
  - B. False
4. Which of the following is not an OSHA approved personal protective equipment (PPE) for the eyes?
  - A. Goggles
  - B. Face Shield
  - C. Prescription eyeglasses
  - D. Spectacles
5. Which of the following actions can prevent a permanent disability if an eye injury occurs?
  - A. Placement of emergency eyewashes in all hazardous areas
  - B. Posting of first-aid instructions close to potential danger spots
  - C. Have employees know where the closest eyewash station is and how to get there with restricted vision
  - D. All of the above



Answers:

1. (A) True. These injuries often result from an improper choice of PPE for the eyes and face that allows a chemical substance to enter from, around, or under protective eye equipment. Serious and irreversible damage can occur when chemical substances contact the eyes in the form of splash, mists, vapors, or fumes.
2. (D) Impact Hazard. The majority of impact injuries result from flying or falling objects, or sparks striking the eye. Most of these objects are smaller than a pin head and can cause serious injury such as punctures, abrasions, and contusions. Primary protectors such as safety spectacles with side shields or goggles must be worn while working in a hazardous area where a worker is exposed to impact hazards.
3. (B) False. Working in a dusty environment can cause eye injuries and presents additional hazards to contact lens wearers. Safety goggles are the only effective type of eye protection from nuisance dust because they create a protective seal around the eyes. OSHA recommends that workers have an extra pair of contacts or eyeglasses in case of contact failure or loss.
4. (C) A worker who wears prescription glasses must also wear required eye protection. Eye and face protection that fits comfortable over glasses is available. Face shields are secondary protectors intended to protect the entire face. Safety spectacles include side shields to protect eyes from hazards. Safety goggles and spectacles may incorporate prescription lenses.
5. (D) All of the above. Ensuring worker safety includes conducting a workplace hazard assessment and providing adequate training for all workers who require eye and face protection.

Visit <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/eyeandface/ppe/selection.html> for more information about PPE for the eyes and face in the workplace.

**THINK SAFE. ACT SAFE. BE SAFE.**