

THE SAFETY NET



WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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LEGISLATIVE VICTORY!

A bill has been signed into law that requires public schools and BOCES to develop and implement workplace violence prevention programs.

This law goes into effect on January 4, 2024.

What was the law before?

State law requires public employers to develop workplace violence prevention programs. When this law was enacted, public schools and BOCES were excluded, as schools were already required to develop school safety plans.

What is the law now?

All public employers, including public schools and BOCES, will be required to develop workplace violence prevention programs to protect employees from potentially violent encounters.

Who does this effect?

The staff and teachers at all public schools and BOCES across New York State.

Why does this matter?

Implementing workplace violence prevention plans, in addition to existing school safety plans, will better prepare schools to prevent and address workplace safety while also ensuring that public school and BOCES employees feel secure and supported in their workplace.



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Workplace Violence Prevention in Public Schools (S.1746 Ramos / A.1120 Joyner)

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Please print and share CSEA's informational flyer on workplace violence prevention in public schools here: <https://tinyurl.com/OSH-WPV-Leg>

Resources Available

On the Safety Resources page, CSEA has an entire section devoted to workplace violence prevention. Our union has created a fact sheet on Workplace Violence Prevention. Download it here: <https://tinyurl.com/OSH-WPV>

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK (10/16 - 10/20)

Held during the third full week of October each year, National School Bus Safety Week is an active and evolving public education program and an excellent way for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, school administrators, and other interested parties – to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety. Designed to promote school bus safety, school districts throughout the country observe School Bus Safety Week. The NY Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, along with state and local safety partners, participate in National School Bus Safety Week. Please use caution around school busses. Our previous Safety Net identified that CSEA members are reporting an alarming amount of drivers who speed past their stopped bus with flashing red lights and regulatory stop sign. **If those lights are flashing and that stop sign is out, a student is near the roadway!**



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