



SCHOOL SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SCHOOL SAFETY

The Department of Education:

1. Serves as advisor in developing and modifying State Board Rules relative to standards for school safety.
2. Provides information and advice to local systems regarding school safety concerns.
3. Assists in establishing guidelines for Safe School Plans.
4. Reviews and approves schools= Safe School Grant Applications.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Department of Education:

1. Provides guidelines to local systems regarding their Emergency Preparedness Plans.
2. Coordinates the issuance of emergency related information by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to the local systems.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Department of Education:

1. Serves as a resource center to ensure that Local School Systems have access to Updated information regarding AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) and other laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to Indoor Air Quality, Lead in Drinking Water, Underground Storage Tanks and other environmental concerns.
2. Upon request, the Department=s Education Field Services Directors may provide reinspection of the asbestos in schools, as well as asbestos orientation and awareness training for local system maintenance and custodial staff.

Information and advice on school safety and environmental issues may be obtained directly from the facilities services unit of the Georgia Department of Education by calling the staff at 404-656-4511.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Asbestos:

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Regional Office - Atlanta, Georgia
(404) 562-8977 or (404) 562-8984

Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Division
Air Protection Branch - Atlanta, Georgia
(404) 363-7026

School Safety:

SERVE (Southeast Regional Vision for Education)
Director of Field Services
(800) 352-6001

Emergency Preparedness:

GEMA (Georgia Emergency Management Agency)
Atlanta, Georgia
(404) 635-7000

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program)

Underground Storage Tanks:

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Division
Underground Storage Tank Management Program
Atlanta, Georgia
(404) 362-2687