



# VRSA

Virginia Risk Sharing Association



## Risk Management for Schools

The Virginia Risk Sharing Association (VRSA) risk management staff provide program development and training modules, as well as risk management training and educational videos on a variety of subjects to help members manage risks involved with operating a school division.

Additionally VRSA provides on-site consultation and facility assessments, program and policy review, and free risk management trainings and workshops held on-site, online and regionally.

Qualifying members who meet basic risk management requirements may be eligible for premium discounts, as well as grants to cover the cost of risk management training programs. Additional services include 24/7 access to a variety of online and e-services, including:

- VRSA Online University web-based training;
- Risk Management Guideline assessment tool;
- Training and reference resources;
- Registration for FREE webinars and regional risk management workshops; and
- Members can request videos and training materials at any time, at no cost.

## Resources

VRSA has more than 20 program development and training modules available to members, in addition to videos specific to pupil transportation and school bus safety. VRSA also offers webinars, risk management workshops and interactive virtual training, in addition to pupil transportation training kits. VRSA provides access to more than 100 risk management training and educational videos on a variety of subjects, including:

- Defensive driving
- Playground safety
- Kitchen safety
- Lab safety
- Hazard communication
- Custodial and maintenance
- Incident investigation
- Juvenile behavior management
- Public official's liability
- Lifting and back safety
- Office safety
- Bloodborne pathogens
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)

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VRSA members are partners in risk management. By reducing the risk for accidents we work together to lower costs for all members. Below are some tips to help you navigate your risk management program:

- Develop and post your safety policy statement where all employees may review it;
- Communicate safety policies and objectives to all staff (professional and nonprofessional) annually;
- Take an active role within your school and school system;
- Ensure all principals, department heads, managers and staff follow all safety rules;



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- Make safety a part of your culture;
- Assign authority to those individuals with training roles in order to meet established safety objectives;
- Recognize and reward those who do well; and
- Assess the goals you have reached and establish new goals annually.

To view the full range of resources available, visit the VRSA Multimedia Library on our website at: [www.vrsa.us](http://www.vrsa.us).

### **Additional Resources**

Additional school specific safety resources are available online through the Virginia Center for School Safety of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services at: [www.dcjs.virginia.gov/vcss](http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/vcss).

These resources include:

- School safety audit and crisis plan certification
- School safety e-mail notification system
- School security officer certification

Publications on:

- School bus safety
- Bullying and harassment
- Conflict mediation
- Threat assessment



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