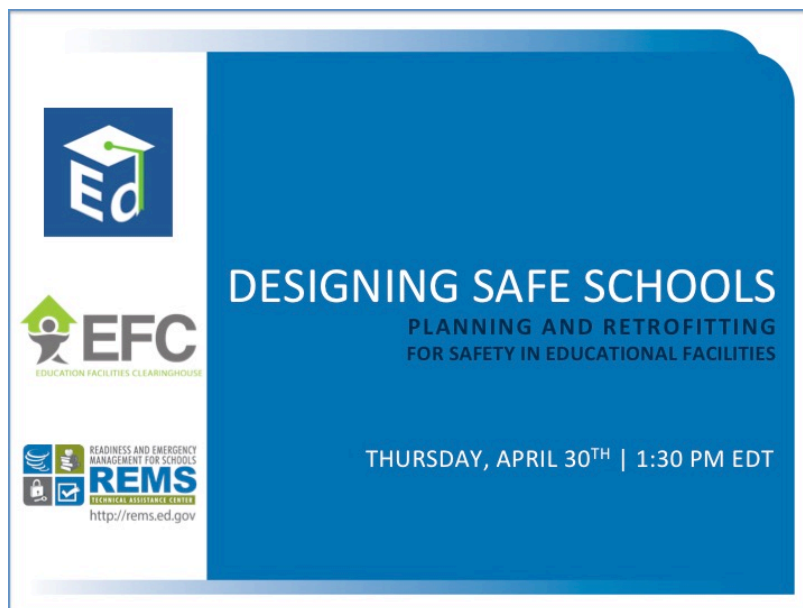


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Designing Safe Schools Webinar

You don't want to miss this important presentation!

Each day, schools and school districts are responsible for providing a safe and healthy learning environment for students. Understanding how to design and maintain school buildings is an important part of supporting that environment. Mitigation, or the capabilities necessary to eliminate or reduce the loss of life and property damage by lessening the impact of an emergency, is just one way schools can work to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment, as outlined in Presidential Policy Directive 8, our nation's approach to preparedness.

On Thursday, April 30, 2015, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT, the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS), with its Education Facilities Clearinghouse (EFC) and Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center, will celebrate National PrepareAthon! Day by hosting a Webinar that provides insight on safety and security design and cost-effective features to consider for new construction of or retrofitting existing school buildings and grounds.

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Did You Know?

Condition of America's Public School Facilities: 2012-13

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) recently reported some startling statistics regarding the safety of educational facilities. Here are some of their findings:

- Based on survey responses, 53 percent of public schools needed to spend money on repairs, renovations, and modernizations to put the school's onsite buildings in good overall condition.
- The areas of school facilities most in need of improvements include:
 - Windows (32%)
 - Plumbing/lavatories (31%)
 - Heating system, air conditioning system and ventilation/filtration system (30% each)
 - Energy management, security, and exterior lighting (29% each)
 - Roofs, interior finishes/trim, and internal communication systems (25%)
 - Electrical system (22%)
 - Technology infrastructure (21%)
 - Interior lighting and life safety features (19%)
 - Exterior walls/finishes (18%)
 - Framing, floors, and foundations (14%)

For more information, you can [view the whole report from NCES](#).

National Center for Education Statistics. (2014). Condition of America's Public Schools Facilities.

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