

SAFETY THEME

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., – A Service Organization of the ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA and the GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

The Safety Theme program is designed to help you get an important safety message across to all employees in a simple-to-use format that can be completed each month.

Monthly Poster Theme

Make copies and post them wherever you will get the most impact.

Training Calendar

Safety Coordinator I (8:00 am to noon)

Cartersville, Bartow County	March 3
Statesboro, Bulloch County	March 10
Macon–Bibb County	March 17
Cornelia, Habersham County	March 23

Safety Coordinator II (8:00 am to noon)

Cartersville, Bartow County	March 4
Statesboro, Bulloch County	March 11
Macon–Bibb County	March 18
Cornelia, Habersham County	March 24

Safety Coordinator III (8:00 am to noon)

Cartersville, Bartow County	March 5
Statesboro, Bulloch County	March 12
Macon–Bibb County	March 19
Cornelia, Habersham County	March 25

*Additional training dates inside

Safety Theme Article

The article expands on the poster message for the month. Make copies and hand them out to each meeting participant.



**WATCH
YOUR STEP**

In This Issue:

Participant Sign-In Sheets: Use the sign-in sheet to document your safety training.

Suggested Agenda for the Monthly Safety Meeting:

- > Assemble the participants.
- > Hand out copies of the article and pass around the sign-in sheet.
- > Read the Safety Theme aloud.
- > Discuss aspects of the theme relevant to the department, with examples. Ask for ideas and encourage participation.



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Trapped & Blocked



*Keep your
stairwells
and exits
clear*

Trapped and Blocked

Have you looked at your emergency exits or stairwells lately? Are there boxes or discarded furniture blocking them, or other items waiting to be moved?

If this is the case, then you have the makings of a tragedy if your building needs to be evacuated.

One thing often seen during a safety inspection is blocking violations. What types of things should not be blocked? Below is a partial list of common items found in most workplaces. However, there can certainly be others:

- Emergency exits
- Eyewash stations and showers
- Electrical panels
- Electrical disconnects
- Fire extinguishers
- Pedestrians aisles
- Stairwells

How serious is this issue? Locked and blocked exits were factors in the deaths of 25 and injury of 53 in a 1991 North Carolina fire that resulted in the owner of the company going to prison.

The good news is that blocking is easy to identify and fix. Consider painting zones around these areas and installing signs to inform people they can't be blocked. Regular inspections, good housekeeping, and emphasis on keeping these areas cleared is the most important element in preventing such issues. Specifically look for items that "have always been there" as these permanently blocked items need to be addressed.

Take a look around your work area today when you head out. See if there is clear access to the electrical panels and fire extinguishers. Let a supervisor or your safety coordinator know if something is blocking access. If it's your area, what can you do now to ensure the area is clear? Look to see if any items have been "permanently" blocked by design.

It is certainly better to clear these areas now than risk not being able to evacuate later. You might also want to consider doing some evacuation and accountability drills to make sure people know where to go and what to do afterwards.



TRAINING CALENDAR - 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Safety Coordinator I (8:00am - 12:00pm)

Gainesville, Hall County April 13

Safety Coordinator II (8:00am - 12:00pm)

Gainesville, Hall County April 14

Safety Coordinator III (8:00am - 12:00pm)

Gainesville, Hall County April 15

Personnel Liability Training (8:30am - 3:30pm)

Tifton, Tift County April 16
Statesboro, Bulloch County April 21
Macon, Macon- Bibb County April 23
Gainesville, Hall County April 28
Cartersville, Bartow County April 30

Health Promotion Leader III (9am - 12:00pm)

Cartersville, Bartow County May 19
Gainesville, Hall County May 20
Macon, Macon-Bibb County May 21
Tifton, Tift County May 26
Statesboro, Bulloch County May 27
Grovettown, Columbia County May 28

TRAINING CALENDAR (Continued)

For a complete list of training dates, please visit our website at:

[www.lgrms.com/training calendar](http://www.lgrms.com/training%20calendar)



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This Month:

Stairwells & Exits

