

Risk Alert

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Athletic Trainings:

With the new school year quickly approaching, now is the time to schedule and plan for your training needs. USIP offers a wide variety of athletic related trainings. Contact your local agent or our office directly at 800.407.2027 x314 for more information or to schedule your training session today.

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE IMMEDIATELY TO SUPERINTENDENTS, BUSINESS MANAGERS, PRINCIPALS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, COACHES AND ANY STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING AND RECERTIFICATION OF FOOTBALL HELMETS

As of September 1, 2011, all National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association (NAERA) members will not recertify nor recondition any football helmet 10 years of age or older. (See *USIP Risk Alert* dated April 2011 found under the downloads section at www.usipwa.us)



This ruling standardizes the useful life of all football helmets. Due to this standardization, please be advised of the following:

- Schools should review shipments of all new football helmets for the 2011 season.
 - Schools should accept only new helmets, not helmets manufactured in previous years but never used.
 - Each new helmet should be checked and schools should accept only helmets manufactured in 2011 to assure the potential for a maximum 10-year useful life.
 - If schools decide to accept older helmets that have never been used, the school may not see the full 10-year useful life cycle for the helmet
- Note: helmets may be rejected during the 10-year life span, due to damage.*

Our goal in this matter is to help schools make certain they are getting the most value from the funds spent on purchasing football helmets.

After reviewing this information, if you have questions on how to determine the age of a helmet or other issues associated with reconditioning/recertification, please contact your local agent or our Risk Management Team at (800) 407-2027 x316 or at riskhelp@canfieldsolutions.com.

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