

Checklist of E/OHS Activities for Bleacher Safety

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Is the BSM Plan in place? **Yes** No N/A

Is the Plan current? **Yes** No N/A

Has the Plan been reviewed this school year? **Yes** No N/A

Has an annual survey of school bleachers been conducted? **Yes** No N/A

Is the five-year recertification required by December 31, 2023 complete and submitted to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry? Yes No **N/A**

New Bleachers we installed in the new gym in the fall of 2012.

In accordance with **Minnesota Statutes 326B.112**, Bleacher Safety, this certification is required to be completed for each applicable bleacher structure and submitted to the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Note: This certificate is not required for bleachers 55 inches above grade and lower without guardrails. Certification compliance stickers are no longer required on bleachers and will no longer be distributed.

For help with questions, contact Scott McKown, Construction Codes and Licensing, (651) 284-5893.

Openings and gaps:

_____ Openings limited to four-inch gap between the railings and between the footboards and seat boards, starting at a height of 55 inches or more.

Retractable bleachers:

_____ They may contain openings of 9 inches or less

_____ If exempt from standards must have a safety management plan in place and an amortization schedule to plan for their future replacement

Approved netting:

_____ Netting may be provided to prevent persons from falling through the bleachers between the seat and footboards

_____ Chain link fencing may be used but must be secured tightly to the underside of the bleachers.



Railings:

- _____ Bleachers 55 inches and under are exempt from railing requirements
- _____ Bleachers with guardrails over 30 inches above grade must not contain openings greater than four inches, unless safety nets are installed.
- _____ State building inspectors shall determine whether the safety nets and guardrail climb ability meet the requirements of the alternate design section of the State Building Code.

Periodic inspections:

- _____ Bleacher footboards and guardrails must at a minimum be reinspected at least every five years and a structural inspection at least every ten years. The equipment has no rust, rot, cracks, or splinters, especially where it comes in contact with the ground
- _____ There are no broken or missing components on the equipment (e.g., handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps, or rungs on ladders) and there are no damaged fences, benches, or signs on the playground

Note: the school now has two sets of aluminum bleachers for school events. The bleachers are less than 55 inches high so are exempt from bleacher safety requirements. EC 11-17-2015

