

# Why do Connecticut's public schools suddenly become unsafe for children after 3 p.m.?

## Did you know?

- Licensed after school programs are often forced to bring their own lamps and extension cords to program sites at public schools to meet the lighting requirement in the Department of Public Health's physical plant regulations. They must place lamps and run extension cords on cafeteria tables to provide "adequate lighting." *In addition, the programs are not allotted any storage space so workers must personally transport these items EVERY DAY!*
- Licensing regulations require after school programs to spend thousands of precious dollars having radon, lead, carbon monoxide and water testing done in a PUBLIC SCHOOL! *Why don't the testing standards the public schools already follow carry over to include the after school programs?*
- Licensed after school programs must get separate Fire Marshal inspections of any site, even if it's a public school building. *If the after school programs don't keep these separate inspections up to date they are fined by the state and can be shut down!*
- Public schools often employ unionized janitorial staff. If a community-based after school program using a public school building is charged by DPH with doing repairs or maintenance in these schools, their hands are tied because they cannot go above the union. *Yet the after school programs are held responsible for the repairs by the physical plant licensing requirements!*



Holding after school programs run by community-based organizations responsible for the physical plant of a public school building is unfair. *If the school is safe before 3pm, it's safe after 3pm. If a school is unsafe, then it's the school board's responsibility to repair it!*

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