

## MSGIA's Website Gets a New Look!

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[www.msgia.org](http://www.msgia.org) never looked so good as it does today!

Over the past several months, the MSGIA has been busy constructing a fresh new website with the skilled insight, guidance, and technical knowhow of MTSBA communications coordinator Wendy Brenden.

We will be launching the site in September 2015, just in time for some good back-to-school use. The site has some very nice enhancements and features to make the communications process with our members easier and better organized.

We started in the beginning with the log-in process. Recognizing that simplifying the relationship is best, we utilized the same username and password as your mtsba.org log-in credentials. Once logged in, you will note that the website now shows you resources and tools that apply to the MSGIA program in which your school district participates. In the workers compensation area, the website provides easily accessible information on our Pre-employment Physical program, Back-to-School (early return to work) Program, required school postings, and WC certificate of coverage requests; it also provides payroll reporting tips as well as forms to report a workers compensation claim. In the property and liability area, you will find liability waiver forms, boiler inspection information, information of our school board legal best practices training, special events coverage, storage tank coverage information, student accident insurance, options for requesting certificates of coverage, and forms for reporting a claim.

At the heart of the MSGIA services are the risk-management resources. Accordingly, central to our new website are the useful resources we have available for our members. These include –

- In-district training options
- 4 MSGIA produced safety trainings (coach, custodian, teacher, and food service)
- Blood-borne Pathogen trainings
- Hazards Communication training
- Para-professional trainings
- Asbestos Awareness training
- Lifting Safely training

Districts in the MSGIA WC program will have access to 12 online Safe Schools courses; the new site will likewise provide those districts in the MSGIA PC program with over 300 online Safe Schools training options with specific courses in these areas:

- o Emergency Management
- o Environmental
- o Health
- o Human Resources
- o Information Technology

- Nutrition Services
- Security
- Social & Behavioral
- Special Education
- Transportation

In addition to providing a new platform from which to launch our risk management resources, the website offers innovative ways to communicate with our members. These include developing position-specific communication selections for risk management communications unique to the various positions within our member's schools. Stay tuned, as we will be in touch with your staff soon about specialized communications enabled by this new distribution tool.

I encourage you to log on and look around at what is there and to provide us feedback on the site. As in all such undertakings, the goal here is to assist you in your work in order that the MSGIA can to continue to enhance our partnerships with your school districts.