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Illinois Parks Association Risk Services



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IPARKS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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ABOUT IPARKS

IPARKS is the risk management affinity partner of the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), which provides affordable, specialized coverage programs and valuable loss control resources for park districts, recreation and conservation districts, river conservancy districts, forest preserves and special recreation agencies.



IPARKS IS RISK MANAGEMENT MADE EASY

We make insurance simple, so you can reach informed risk management decisions that are right for your agency.



IPARKS PARTNERSHIPS EMPOWER YOU TO PROTECT YOUR DISTRICT, ASSETS AND THOSE YOU SERVE

We provide services, solutions, ideas and advice to protect your district, so you can feel confident in providing a safe place for your community.



IPARKS IS TAILORED TO THE UNIQUE EXPOSURES OF ILLINOIS PARKS AND RECREATION

Your coverage can be customized to fit your agency needs, as we provide unique risk management resources that address specific park and recreation exposures.



FINANCIAL STRENGTH

For 34 consecutive years, IPARKS has earned the highest Financial Stability Rating of AAA, based upon financial data provided to Demotech, Inc, an Ohio based independent financial analysis services firm. This rating is based on four specific areas of analysis: financial stability, loss reserves, administration and overall performance.



STABILITY & LONGEVITY

Since its inception in 1991, IPARKS has grown to over 180 members. IPARKS has implemented many programs over the years to give back to its members and assist them in delivering outstanding park, recreation and conservation services.



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IPARKS SERVICE TEAM

MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Member Representatives work directly with members to ensure their insurance and risk management needs are fulfilled. They provide expertise on all insurance and coverage-related inquiries and educate members on the available programs and benefits. Member Representatives also meet with and present to prospective new members to help grow the IPARKS membership.



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Wendy French

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Wendy joined the IPARKS team in 1997 as an Account Manager and a licensed property and casualty agent. Wendy is primarily responsible for assisting IPARKS members with regard to questions about renewals, new business, providing proof of coverage and making policy changes.



Jason Johnston

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Jason is a dedicated Risk Control Specialist who can provide members with a number of resources and services including field inspections, risk control recommendations and a review of members' current policies & procedures.

MEMBER SERVICE COORDINATOR



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Facilitate risk management services and resources, address member inquiries, tailor membership experiences, share insights on IPARKS' programs, and maximize the value members receive from their IPARKS membership.



SUMMARY OF COVERAGES

GENERAL LIABILITY

Coverage to respond to third party claims for injury or damages resulting from a member's operations. Distinguished from AL, LEL, EPL and PO. Coverage provided under the Legal Defense and Claim Payment Agreement (LDCPA).

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY (EPL)

Casualty coverage that provides a member with protection against claims that allege the member committed an employment practices wrongful act. Distinguished from AL, GL, LEL and PO. Coverage provided under the Legal Defense and Claim Payment Agreement (LDCPA).

CYBER LIABILITY

Casualty coverage provided to the member for protection against claims alleging the member was negligent regarding computer systems or networks. Coverage provided under the Legal Defense and Claim Payment Agreement (LDCPA).

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY (AL)

Coverage to respond to third party claims for injury or damages resulting from the ownership or use of automobiles. Distinguished from GL, EPL, LEL and PO. Coverage provided under the Legal Defense and Claim Payment Agreement (LDCPA).

PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY (POL)

Coverage to respond to third party claims resulting from the commission of a wrongful act. Distinguished from AL, GL, EPL and LEL. Coverage provided under the Legal Defense and Claim Payment Agreement (LDCPA).

LAW ENFORCEMENT LIABILITY (LEL)

Coverage to respond to third party claims for injury or damages resulting from operations of a member's police department. Distinguished from AL, GL, EPL and PO. Also referred to as Police Professional Liability (PPL). Coverage provided under the Legal Defense and Claim Payment Agreement (LDCPA).

AUTO PHYSICAL DAMAGE (APD)

Coverage often referred to as Comprehensive or Collision, to respond to loss to owned vehicles. Coverage provided under the Governmental Property Agreement (GPA).



SUMMARY OF COVERAGES CONTINUED

PROPERTY

Coverage to provide protection against most risks for member-owned property and structures. Coverage provided under the Governmental Property Agreement (GPA).

ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT

Coverage extends to all Executives and Commissioners while performing approved, sponsored, or supervised duties of their role for the IPARKS Member.

RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE

This coverage automatically extends to all Members when traveling on agency business. This also covers physical damage, lost income, decrease in value & administrative expenses to rental company.

ACTIVE ASSAILANT

This coverage provides property and liability coverage as well as loss of business expenses and relocation expenses to help IPARKS Members return to business.

In addition, counseling and psychological services and public relations assistance are covered, providing emotional assistance to IPARKS Members during times of crisis.



RISK MANAGEMENT

IPARKS members have access to a dedicated Risk Control Specialist who can provide members with resources and services including:

FIELD INSPECTIONS

- Review of Departmental Administrative Controls
- Claims/Loss Review Analysis
- Safety Assessment of Facilities
- Playground Safety Inspections

SPECIAL REQUESTS

- General Risk Management Questions
- eLibrary Resources
- Special Event Recommendations
- Playground Equipment Inspections and Design Layout
- Building Safety Inspections
- Building Replacement Cost Valuations

LOSS CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Following a visit, the specialist can provide your agency with risk control recommendations and sample resources

SAFETY PROGRAMS

- Policy development and review of administrative and operating guidelines
- Review of current policies and procedures
- Provide best practices and checklists

TRAINING

- Sexual harassment prevention
- Safe driving techniques
- Playground equipment safety



Princeton Park District



MEMBER RESOURCES

All IPARKS members have access to hundreds of helpful resources in a variety of convenient formats through the Resource eLibrary.

CYBER RESOURCES (CyberNET)

CyberNET® is an advanced cyber risk management solution available to members through the eLibrary. It provides members with resources to understand and manage cyber risks, including 24/7 online training, best practices, incident response guidelines, sample policies, and vendor agreement templates.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Zywave)

Resources in the HR section of the eLibrary include current state and federal employment laws, guides covering complex topics such as FMLA, background checks, drug and alcohol policies, exempt vs. non-exempt employee definitions, interviewing, safety orientations and terminations.

The Handbook Builder allows members to create individual policies or an entire employee handbook. The Job Description Builder allows members to customize job descriptions for a variety of positions such as administrative assistant, grounds maintenance worker, fitness and wellness coordinator, human resources manager and many more!

NEOGOV Learn

With over 300 training courses offered, NeoGov provides in-depth and interactive online training courses to address the training needs of IPARKS members. Topics include: Aquatic Safety, Bloodborne Pathogens, Working In Extreme Temperatures, Playground Safety, Basic First Aid and New Employee Safety Orientation.

BEST PRACTICES

IPARKS regularly adds Best Practices checklists and documents to the Resource eLibrary. Examples of topics are as follows.

- Prepping Parks for Seasonal Activities
- Firework Displays
- Pool Safety
- Trails
- Driver Safety & Vehicle Maintenance
- Employee Handbook
- Park Grounds & Road Maintenance
- Playground Safety
- Serving Alcohol at Events
- Tree Inspection
- Vendor Contracts
- Archery Range
- Special Events
- Mobile Food Truck
- Fire Safety
- Synthetic Turf
- Facility Inspections
- Respiratory Illness Preparedness & Response

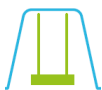
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IPARKS MEMBER PROGRAMS



IPARKS POWER GRANT

The IPARKS Power Grant is customizable and provides each member the power to choose how to use grant funds from a newly expanded list of qualifying expenses. IPARKS members may apply annually for grant money to fund, or partially fund, items, training and services that will aid in their risk management efforts.

The amount awarded to each member varies based on annual contribution to the IPARKS program:

- \$ 500 for members paying up to \$5,000 annually
- \$1,000 for members paying \$5,000 to \$25,000 annually
- \$1,500 for members paying over \$25,000 annually



AQUATICS GRANT

The Aquatics Reimbursement Program promotes pool operation education and training. Under this program, IPARKS reimburses members up to \$500 annually for training and auditing services provided by the following approved aquatic training vendors: Jeff Ellis and Associates, Starfish Aquatics Institute, or American Red Cross.



FALL PREVENTION REPAIR PROGRAM

The Fall Prevention Repair Program provides members with assistance in keeping your property as safe as possible for community visitors. Trip hazards are one of the biggest physical issues faced by our member facilities- and we want to help with fixing them. Each IPARKS member is eligible for up to \$350 in reimbursement for expenses paid to fix a slip or trip hazard.

WHAT MEMBERS ARE SAYING ABOUT IPARKS

“We are very pleased with IPARKS! Fantastic resources. We should have joined a long time ago!”

Ms. Tammy Lange, Executive Director - Princeton Park District

“It was great having the opportunity to talk about things going on at our park. As always, Jason does an outstanding job and I am extremely impressed with how knowledgeable he is with our park and how prepared he is when he comes to meet with us. We are extremely happy with the entire IPARKS team and the services you provide.”

Mr. Blake Emery, Executive Director - Harrisburg Township Park District

“IPARKS is always available and easy to reach out to when we have questions that need answers, or an interpretation or understanding of an issue needing clarification. They also send out pertinent information, whether its’ their newsletter, safety tips or upcoming webinars, to keep us up to date on current trends. These are valuable resources for our Safety Committee. IPARKS does make our jobs easier at the Pekin Park District.”

Mr. Cameron Bettin - Pekin Park District

“Countless residents and employees of the Blue Island Park District have benefited from all IPARKS Risk Management Services. In addition, park staff continue to have easy access to the resource eLibrary which helps enhance their skills in multiple capacities. For seasonal staff, these are skills they can take with them as they continue their academic and professional journey.”

Mr. Teddy Ruthenberg - Blue Island Park District

“We have utilized IPARKS as part of our risk management team for as long as I have been here (7+ years), and they have been a valuable contributor to risk management, staff training and loss related cost control.”

Mr. Stephen Flesch - Springfield Park District

“We were among the first agencies to join IPARKS in 1991. I would highly recommend IPARKS to any agency seeking assistance. The rates and coverage are excellent, but most importantly they deal with park and recreation agencies daily and therefore understand the specific needs of the industry and how best to serve them.”

Ms. Debra Ferry, Executive Director - Roxana Community Park District

“IPARKS offers the best coverage for our small district and has an easy-to-work-with staff that’s quick to respond. They take care of us! The program’s resources also help us prepare to do our jobs better. It’s been a good working relationship over the past twenty years!”

Ms. Diane Hilgers, Director of Parks & Recreation - Salt Creek Rural Park District



IPARKS members are encouraged to communicate with each other and the IPARKS Program. Visit Illinois Parks Association Risk Services on Facebook today!

IPARKS MEMBERSHIP

We thank the following members for their continued support:



53 Trails Estate Park District	Fondulac Park District	Lewistown Park District	Rantoul Park District
Albion Park District	Forest Preserves of Winnebago County	Lighthouse Park District	Rend Lake Conservancy District
Allin Township Park District	Forest View Park District	Limestone Park District	Ridgeville Park District
Armington Community Park District	Forman Park District	Lincoln Park District	Riverdale Park District
Arthur Community Park District	Foss Park District	Litchfield Park District	Roanoke Park District
Aviston Park District	Frankfort Community Park District	Long Grove Park District	Robbins Park District
Bailey Park District	Franklin Township Park District	Macomb Park District	Rock Island County Forest Preserve District
Barrington Hills Park District	Freeburg Park District	Macon County Conservation District	Rosemont Park District
Beardstown Community Park District	Freeport Park District	Marion Park District	Roxana Community Park District
Benton Community Park District	Gateway Special Recreation Association	Markham Park District	Saline Valley Conservancy District
Berkeley Park District	Germantown Park District	Mason City Park District	Salt Creek Rural Park District
Big Rock Park District	Glen Ellyn Countryside Park District	Mason Township Park District	San Jose Park District
Black Hawk Park District	Godley Park District	Mattoon Township Park District	Sandwich Park District
Blue Island Park District Blue Mound Park District	Golfview Hills Park District	Maywood Park District	Savanna Park District
Braidwood Park District	Grand Tower Park District	Memorial Park District	Seward Park District
Bridgeview Park District	Grandwood Park Park District	Metamora Park District	South Barrington Park District
Broadview Park District	Granite City Park District	Metro East Park & Recreation District	Special Recreation of Joliet & Channahon Park Districts
Brookridge Park District	Grant Memorial Park District	Milford Township Park District	Springfield Park District
Burlington Township Park District	Greater Brownstown Park District	Milledgeville Unit Park District	St. Elmo Community Park District
Canton Park District	Griggsville Community Park District	Momence Park District	St. Jacob Park District
Caps Park District	Hamilton Park District	Morton Park District	Stonington Park District
Carbondale Park District	Hanna City Park District	Mount Hope Funks Grove Park District	Summit Park District
Carlinville Park District	Hanover Township Park District	Mount Sterling Park District	Sumpter Township Park District
Carrier Mills Park District	Harrisburg Township Park District	Mt. Pulaski Township Park District	Taylorville Community Pleasure Driveway & Park District
Central Stickney Park District	Harvey Park District	Murphysboro Park District	Teutopolis Park District
Charleston Township Park District	Havana Park District	Neoga Township Park District	Tolono Park District
Chestnut-Beason Park District	Hennepin Park District	New Athens Park District	Toluca Park District
Chicago Heights Park District	Herrin Park District	New Lenox Community Park District	Tremont Area Park District
Chillicothe Park District	Hollis Park District	Niantic Park District	Tri-State Park District
Clyde Park District	Horner Park District	Niles Park District	Tri-Township Park District
Coloma Township Park District	Hutsonville Park District	Nokomis Community Memorial Park District	Urbana Park District
Cordova Township Park District	Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association	North Fork Conservancy District	Vandalia Park District
Creston-Dement Park District	Inverness Park District	Octavia Park District	Venice Park District
Delavan Township Park District	Joliet Park District	Odell Park District	Vermilion County Conservation District
Dieterich Park District	Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District	Oregon Park District	Veterans Park District
Dixon Park District	Kewanee Park District	Oswegoland Park District	Wards Creek Park District
Dolton Park District	Kingsbury Park District	Paxton Park District	Walnut Park District
Douglas Park District	Kingston Township Park District	Pearl City Park District	Warsaw Park District
Dunleith Park District	La Harpe Park District	Pekin Park District	Washington Park District
East Oakland Township Park District	Lafayette Park District	Peotone Park District	Waterloo Park District
Effingham Park District	Lake Barrington Countryside Park District	Phoenix Park District	Watseka Park District
Elba-Salem Park District	LaMotte Township Park District	Pitman Township Park District	Westchester Park District
Eldorado Raleigh Pleasure Driveway and Park District	Lena Community Park District	Posen Park District	Westmont Park District
Fairfield Park District	LeRoy Community Park District	Princeton Park District	Winnebago Park District
Farmington Township Park District		Putman Township Park District	Winslow Township Park District
Flanagan Community Park District		Putnam County Conservation District	York Center Park District
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Westmont Park District

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