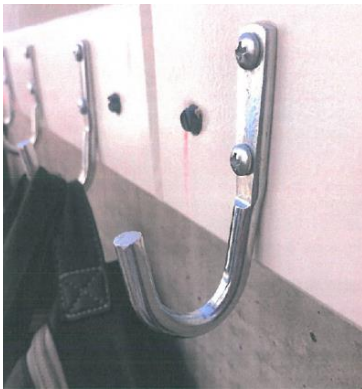


# On the Alert!

**Date:** December 18, 2020  
**Attention:** ASCIP Members  
**Affected:** Maintenance and Facilities  
**Applicability:** CCD Day Care Programs and K-12

## DANGEROUS BACKPACK HOOKS

In any school environment filled with young students (and their stuff), administrators must consider the age old question of *how to eliminate floor trip hazards and clutter, while keeping students' personal supplies accessible*. All school or day care locations with backpack or coat hooks that protrude outward from the wall, could have a potentially unsafe condition on the premises.



Traditional wall hooks with protruding edges, like the one pictured to the left, can lead to serious injuries and claims, regardless of where located on the campus.

### Serious Injury Claims

ASCIP has seen an uptick in injuries associated with this type of hook, with a recent injury resulting in a claim over \$750,000! These injuries are avoidable. Member schools can reduce liability and eliminate the risk of injury by replacing older hooks with a **safer alternative**.

### Safer Options

ASCIP recommends installing backpack and coat "hooks" with no protrusions or sharp edges (examples pictured below), in order to minimize the risks of serious physical injuries, such as eye and head injuries.

Below are examples of safer options, both of which come with lifetime warranties.



Please contact your ASCIP Risk Services Consultant or our Risk Services team at [RM\\_Info@ascip.org](mailto:RM_Info@ascip.org) for questions or to discuss further.