

Evaluation: What is its role in *Risk Watch*[®]?



Why is evaluation important?

- Evaluation allows you to make changes in your program.
- It lets you know what you are doing is what you set out to do.
- It is a benchmark of your efforts.
- Evaluation allows for the appropriate allocation of resources.

What is evaluation?



The process of determining whether programs—
or certain aspects of programs—are appropriate,
adequate, effective, and efficient, and,
if not, how to make them so.

Challenges of Evaluation

Barriers

- time consuming
- don't have expertise
- someone else can evaluate
- schools already do too much
- fear that negative results will be found

Changes of Evaluation

Benefits

- Evaluations take time, but evidence is gained.
- There are different levels of evaluation.
- Evaluation is everyone's responsibility and is continuous, dynamic, and never ending.
- Schools appreciate benefit from feedback.
- Negative results allow for modification and improvement.

Role of Champion Management Team

- monitor level of participation
- pre-test results for all classrooms
- post-test results for all classrooms
- caregiver questionnaires submitted with final report
- gather all reports from all sites
- submit final report to NFPA