

## Environmental Health Status and Common Hazards in Public Schools of Eastern Turkey

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Although poor school environments in public schools could pose an unacceptable public health hazard to children, the public and regulatory officials appear unconcerned about this. This report presents some demographic data about environmental health and safety status in primary schools in Elazig, a typical eastern Anatolian city. These include, indoor air quality, environmental health hazards, play ground safety and appropriateness. It was determined that nearly all public schools in Elazig districts have unsatisfactory indoor air quality, physical conditions and exhibit at least one environmental hazard. It was concluded from the available information that the situation is far away from satisfactory levels. And, to reduce potential common health hazards found in schools in this region, it is vital to raise adequate awareness on this issue, and school administrators and officials should have training in environmental health issues since there is no public system to track or provide oversight on environmental, health and safety issues for public schools locally or nationally.