

CHANGES TO THE NEW JERSEY YOUTH CAMP SAFETY STANDARDS N.J.A.C. 8:25

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8:25-1.3 Definitions

- ◆ “Camper” a child under the age of 18
- ◆ “High risk activity” any activity which exposes a camper to a life-threatening or serious injury because of the inherent danger of the activity
- ◆ and which requires a high level of adult supervision at all times

8:25-1.3 Definitions

- ◆ “Single sport youth camp (SSYC) a camp to specifically practice, play, learn and understand the rules of the individual sport.

8:25-2.4 Annual renewal of certificate of approved

- ◆ **submit a renewal application, form cb-11, no later than May 1 of each year.**

SUBCHAPTER 3. ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ written policies and practices for the discipline of its campers and provide to all camp staff.
- ◆ no deprivation of food, isolation, corporal punishment or abusive physical exercise as a means of punishment.

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ Camp Director is at least 21
- ◆ at least two seasons in administrative experience in an organized certified camp.
- ◆ Or nine months experience in a youth program.
- ◆ Or one season of administrative experience one year teaching experience.

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ preseason orientation and training for the staff.
- ◆ Basic principles of emergency first aid, blood borne pathogens, infection control, and hand washing practices

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ **staff training on child abuse and neglect**
- ◆ **responsibilities, reporting, recognition, and observation of campers.**

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ certify staff member's background and character
- ◆ three character reference checks for each new staff member and
- ◆ not related to the staff member
- ◆ criminal history checks
- ◆ comparable to the New Jersey State Police

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ By June 15, 2010 for all existing adult staff
- ◆ No lapse of employment **> 1 year**
- ◆ **< 1 year**, notarized statement for criminal history status
- ◆ New staff prior to start date.

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ Annual sex offender registry check
- ◆ Must retrieve national sex offender registry information
- ◆ <http://www.familywatchdog.us/>
- ◆ New Jersey Sex Offender Internet Registry when New Jersey does not participate in the selected national sex offender registry
- ◆ Maintain documentation for as long as employment continues at the camp

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ High risk camp activities conducted according to current guidelines
- ◆ Current guidelines for each high risk activity which the youth camp offers maintained on-site

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ An adult (≥ 18) assisted by a counselor (≥ 16) for each group of 20 campers, or portion thereof,
- ◆ for all camp activities, including off-site camp activities ,for all campers five to 17 years of age
- ◆ >20 campers supervision ratio is one additional staff for every additional 10 campers

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ An adult (≥ 18) assisted by a counselor (≥ 16) for each group of 14 campers, or portion thereof,
- ◆ for all camp activities, including off-site camp activities ,for all campers 2.5 to 4 years of age
- ◆ >14 campers supervision ratio is one additional staff for every additional 7 campers

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ An adult (≥ 18) assisted by a counselor (≥ 16) for each group of 8 campers, or portion thereof,
- ◆ for all camp activities, including off-site camp activities ,for all campers < 2.5 years of age
- ◆ > 8 campers supervision ratio is one additional staff for every additional 4 campers

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ The camp director will develop, implement, and document in writing a procedure to keep track of the location and safety of all campers during all camp activities.

8:25-3.2 Staff

- ◆ The camp director is not included in staff ratios in camps serving over 50 children.

SUBCHAPTER 5. HEALTH

- ◆ A written arrangement for medical transport for serious injury and illness with the local Emergency Medical Service or ambulance squad for transport to the nearest hospital
- ◆ Written parental consent for emergency medical treatment available on-site and accompany campers on all off-site trips.

8:25-4.2 Buildings

- ◆ Hot water available at the health center
- ◆ If hot water is not readily available, waterless hand sanitizers acceptable

8:25-4.2 Buildings

- ◆ The health center may be a room, tent, or building
- ◆ Clean mattresses and sheets available
- ◆ Air mattresses or exercise pads OK
- ◆ 1 min first 50 campers
- ◆ 1 additional every 200

SUBCHAPTER 5. HEALTH

- ◆ Medical program under the direction of a NJ licensed Doc or
- ◆ Dedicated health director certified in first aid and professional level CPR

8:25-5.2 Health director

- ◆ The camp director can not be the health director in camps serving over 50 children.
- ◆ The health director shall not be any individual who has responsibilities in another high risk activity at the same time.

8:25-5.4 First aid supplies

- ◆ First aid supplies shall:
- ◆ Be available at all times; and
- ◆ Be fully restocked within 48 hours
- ◆ The minimum first aid supplies can be found at Appendix B.

Health Center Supplies

<u>Description of Required Items</u>	Quantities Required		
	<40 Campers	40-90 Campers	>90 Campers
Adhesive compress strips (band aid type)	25	50	100
Sterile gauze dressings (sponge 2"x2")	10	15	25
Sterile gauze dressings (sponge 2"x3")	10	15	25
Sterile gauze dressings (sponge 4"x4")	10	15	25
Sterile gauze roller bandage (1" wide)	4	8	15
Sterile gauze roller bandage (3" wide)	4	8	15
Sterile eye dressing pads (box)	1	1	1
Triangle bandages	2	4	6
Waterproof tape (1"x 5 yards)	1	1	1
Bandage scissors	1	1	1
Tweezers	1	1	1
Blanket	1	1	1
Instant cold pack	5	5	5
Disposable protective face shield	1	1	1
Disposable protective gown	2	4	6
Sterile gloves (box)	1	1	1
Pocket resuscitation mask	2	4	6
Liquid hand soap or hand sanitizer	1	1	1
First aid Treatment Policies and Procedures	1	1	1

SUBCHAPTER 6. SAFETY

- ◆ A list of emergency phone numbers posted in the main office and waterfront area if applicable.

SUBCHAPTER 7. FOOD AND WATER

- ◆ Conform to Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines, Chapter 24 N.J.A.C. 8:24
- ◆ Potentially hazardous foods, N.J.A.C. 8:24-1.5, not allowed on site unless there is a refrigerator (41°F)

SUBCHAPTER 8. TRANSPORTATION

- ◆ Conform to the Motor Vehicles Commission rules
- ◆ Operable seat belt or proper restraint system required
- ◆ Maintain staffing ratios according to age

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- ◆ Emergency evacuation drills for Type I and Type II buses once during each camping session or at last once every four weeks, whichever is more frequent.

8:25-8.4 Recordkeeping

- ◆ Maintain a record of and all drivers possess a Commercial Driver's License with a "P" and "S" endorsement.

8:25-8.5 Special requirements for physically handicapped, non- ambulatory campers

- ◆ A ramp device or a hydraulic lift provided with a lift minimum payload of 800 pounds.

SUBCHAPTER 9. WATERFRONT SAFETY

- ◆ Written policy and procedures provided on-site delineating the youth camps responsibilities for off-site swimming.
- ◆ A method to keep track of the location and safety of all campers during any off-site swimming activity.

SUBCHAPTER 14. Single sport Youth Camps

- ◆ Single Sport Youth Camps no “High Risk” activities as primary activity
- ◆ Free swim ok as a secondary activity, meet SUBCHAPTER 9

8:25-15.2 Inspection

- ◆ American Camp Association Certificate of Accreditation with their renewal application or by June 1 of each year.

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- ◆ The Department accepts the American Camp Association Certificate of Accreditation in lieu of a pre-operational and operational inspections.

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- ◆ Most recent accreditation report available upon request
- ◆ The Department may conduct pre-operational and operational inspections of any American Camp Association certified camps.

8:25-15.4 Penalties

- ◆ The Department may temporarily suspend a certification and may pursue revocation.

FORMS

- ◆ <http://www.state.nj.us/health/eoh/phss>
- ◆ **CURRENT RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS (revised April 2009) (CPR - FIRST AID - LIFEGUARDING - TPO)**
- ◆ **Health Center Supplies**
- ◆ **Hit Forms tab**
- ◆ **CB-18 Youth Camp Safety Detailed Data Sheet (for Local Health Inspectors)**