

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

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
- ◆ “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 approval

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

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.
- ◆preseason orientation and training for the staff.
- ◆Basic principles of emergency first aid, blood borne pathogens, infection control, and hand washing practices
- ◆staff training on child abuse and neglect
- ◆ responsibilities, reporting, recognition, and observation of campers.
- ◆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
- ◆By June 15, 2010 for all existing adult staff
- ◆< 1 year lapse of employments, notarized statement for criminal history status
- ◆All new staff prior to start date.
- ◆Annual sex offender registry check
- ◆Must retrieve national sex offender registry information
- ◆<http://www.familywatchdog.us/>
- ◆Maintain documentation for as long as employment continues at the camp
- ◆High risk camp activities conducted according to current guidelines
- ◆Current guidelines for each high risk activity 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

- ◆ If hot water is not readily available, waterless hand sanitizers acceptable
- ◆ The health center may be a room, tent, or building
- ◆ Clean mattresses and sheets available
- ◆ Air mattresses or exercise pads OK
- ◆ 1 mattress first 50 campers
- ◆ 1 additional mattress for 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
- ◆ 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.

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

◆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 physical disabilities, 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

SUBCHAPTER 15. Enforcement Procedures

8:25-15.2 Inspection

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

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

◆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.