

2009 Changes to N.J.A.C. 8:25 Youth Camp Safety Standards

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8:25-1.4 Definitions

- "Camper" means a child under the age of 18 attending a youth camp.
- "High risk activity" means any recreational component, sport or activity of a youth camp, which exposes a camper to a life-threatening or serious injury because of the inherent danger of the recreational component, sport or activity and which requires a high level of adult supervision at all times.

8:25-1.4 Definitions

- 1. A high risk activity includes, but is not limited to, archery, swimming and other aquatic activities, horseback riding, riflery, rope courses, motorized vehicles, and rock climbing.
- 2. The Department may determine whether any recreational component, sport or activity of a youth camp is a high risk activity based on a Departmental review of the components of the activity.

8:25-1.4 Definitions

- "Single sport youth camp" or "SSYC" means a camp in which all campers attend in order to specifically practice, play, learn and understand the rules of the individual sport that the camp teaches.

8:25-1.4 Definitions

- "Youth camp" or "camp" means any parcel or parcels of land having the general characteristics and features of a camp as the term is generally understood, used wholly or in part for recreational or educational purposes that accommodates
- five or more children under 18 years of age, other than counselors or lifeguards, for a period of, or portions of, two days or more within the same week and includes a site that is operated as a day camp or as a resident camp.

8:25-1.4 Definitions

- The term "youth camp" or "camp" does not include a day program, which offers only a minimal recreational component, if the recreational component included in the day program involves no high risk activity.
- A day camp is a youth camp that operates during the day but may occasionally allow an overnight stay for no more than one night per week.
- A resident camp is a youth camp that as a matter of its business has the campers stay overnight on a regular basis.

8:25-2.4 Annual renewal of certificate of approval

- (b) Renewal certificate of approval submitted to the Department no later than May 1 of each year.

8:25-3.2 Staff

- (a) Camp director is ≥ 21 and:
- 2 seasons of administrative experience;
- 9 months experience in a youth program;
- Or 1 season of admin exp and 1 year teaching with a teacher certification.

8:25-3.2 Staff

- (h) High risk activities qualified adult activity specialist.
- on-site guidelines for each high risk activity

8:25-3.2 Staff

- (i) 1 adult and 1 counselor, for 20 campers, for campers 5 to 17.
- Maintain 1 for every 10 campers.
- (j) 1 adult and 1 counselor, for 14 campers, for campers 2 1/2 to 4.
- Maintain 1 for every 7 campers

8:25-3.2 Staff

- (k) 1 adult and 1 counselor, for 8 campers, for campers <21/2.
- Maintain 1 for every 4 campers
- (l) Written procedure to keep track of the location and safety of all campers.

8:25-4.2 Buildings

- (d) Open any windows or skylights >40 %.
- (f) Health center
- Have clean mattresses and sheets.
- Air mattresses pads easily disinfected.
- 1 mattress for the first 50 campers and 1 additional mattress for each 200 campers.

8:25-4.3 Heating plant

- (b) Heating equipment min temp of 68 degrees F when outside temp < 55 degrees F.

8:25-5.1 Health program

- (a) Establish a medical program.
- Under the direction of a physician or a dedicated health director.
- (b) Arrangements made with the local EMS, documented in writing, for medical transport.
- (f) Report all accidents resulting in death or serious injury, by September 15.

8:25-5.2 Health director

- (d) The camp director shall not be the health director in camps serving over 50 children.
- The health director shall not have responsibilities in a high risk activity.

8:25-5.4 First aid supplies

- minimum first aid supplies in "Health Center Supplies," available in chapter Appendix E.

8:25-7.1 Nutrition and meal service

- (a) Meets *N.J.A.C. 8:24. Sanitation in Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines*

8:25-8.2 Vehicle-related safety practices

- 1 adult or counselor present for every 7 children <6 and one adult counselor present for every 4 children <21/2

8:25-8.4 Recordkeeping

- (b) Commercial Driver's License with a "P" and "S" endorsement copy of license on file.

8:25-8.5 Special requirements for campers with physical disabilities, non-ambulatory campers

- Removed the term Handi-capped

8:25-9.2 Waterfront staff

- (f) Supervision ratios at *N.J.A.C. 8:25-3.2(i), (j), (k)* followed.
- (g) The camp director shall ensure that the youth camp maintains written policies and procedures on-site delineating the youth camp's responsibilities for off-site swimming.
- Method to keep track of location and safety of all campers during off-site swimming activities.

8:25-10.2

- Sewer lines and appurtenances conform to the Pollutant Discharge Elimination System rules, *N.J.A.C. 7:14A*.

8:25-10.4 Sewage disposal facilities

- (c) Sewage disposal systems that exceed *N.J.A.C. 7:9A-1.8* must be designed and constructed to the Pollutant Discharge Elimination System rules, *N.J.A.C. 7:14A*.

8:25-10.4 Sewage disposal facilities

- Approval from the local health authority and/or the DEP for systems.
- (d) A septic or a wastewater treatment plant not approved if public sanitary sewer system, *N.J.A.C. 7:9A-1.6(e)*, is available, *N.J.A.C. 7:15*, or as specified by local ordinance.
- (e) Dispose of septage per *N.J.A.C. 7:14A*.

8:25-10.6 Existing privies and pit-toilets

- (i) The vault of a privy or pit-toilet shall be emptied regularly and the contents thereof shall be disposed of pursuant to the requirements of the Statewide Sludge Management Plan and the Pollutant Discharge
- Elimination System rules at *N.J.A.C. 7:14A.**

SUBCHAPTER 14. SINGLE SPORT YOUTH CAMPS

- 8:25-14.1 (a) SSYC's are prohibited from having high risk activities as primary activity.
- Swimming secondary activity follows N.J.A.C. 8:25-9.
- (b) Complies with this chapter with the following exceptions, which would not apply to any SSYC:
 - *N.J.A.C. 8:25-3.2(b)*; and
 - N.J.A.C. 8:25-6.1(b) and (c).

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- (c) All SSYC's will:
- Procedures lost campers, inclement weather, and serious injury;
- Drill once per session;
- Provide a shelter
- shelter permanent or temporary structure;

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- Maintain ground facilities as per N.J.A.C. 8:25-10 through 13;
- Means for campers to lie down when sick
6. Means of communication. or connect to a 911 emergency service;
- Provide liquid supplements
- Provide bathroom facilities if full-day.

8:25-15.2 Inspection

- (c) Camp forwarded a copy of recent ACA Certificate of Accreditation (CA) by June 1.
- (d) The Department accepts ACACA in lieu of inspections.
- ACACA report provided upon request.

8:25-15.3 Penalties

- (b) The Department may temporarily suspend a youth camp's certificate of approval pending compliance with any requirement of the Act or this chapter with which the camp is noncompliant.