

CHAPTER 25

NEW JERSEY YOUTH CAMP SAFETY STANDARDS

Authority

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Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 25, Youth Camp Safety Act Standards, was adopted as R.1974 d.156, effective June 19, 1974. See: 6 N.J.R. 180(a), 6 N.J.R. 264(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 25, Youth Camp Safety Act Standards, was readopted as R.1983 d.186, effective May 20, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 467(a), 15 N.J.R. 918(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 25, Youth Camp Safety Act Standards, was readopted as R.1988 d.269, effective May 19, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 463(a), 20 N.J.R. 1428(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 25, Youth Camp Safety Act Standards, was readopted as R.1993 d.264, effective May 11, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 756(a), 25 N.J.R. 2546(b).

Chapter 25, Youth Camp Safety Act Standards, was repealed, and Chapter 25, New Jersey Youth Camp Safety Standards, was adopted as R.1998 d.226, effective May 4, 1998. See: Source and Effective Date.

Cross References

Child care center physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:122-5.1 et seq.

Children's group home physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:128-4.1 et seq.

Children's shelter physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:124-5.1 et seq.

Residential child care facility maintenance and sanitation requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:127-4.4.

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## SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**8:25-1.1 Purpose**

(a) This chapter sets forth the standards necessary to promote, protect, and safeguard the health and well-being of the youth of the State who attend day camps and resident camps.

(b) This chapter establishes the minimum standards with which youth camps shall comply in order to receive and maintain approval from the Department.

**8:25-1.2 Scope**

This chapter shall apply to all private day and resident youth camps operating in New Jersey. The provisions of this chapter shall be enforceable by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services or his or her designee.

**8:25-1.3 Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Act” means the New Jersey Youth Camp Safety Act, P.L. 1973, c.375, N.J.S.A. 26:12-1 et seq., and any amendments thereto.

“Activity specialist” means a person who has specialized training and/or experience in a hazardous camp activity.

“Adult” means a person who is at least 18 years of age.

“Applicant” means any private individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity, whether for profit or nonprofit, who applies to the Department on prescribed application forms (see N.J.A.C. 8:25-2.2) for the purpose of requesting a certificate of approval to operate a day or resident youth camp.

“Approved” means a youth camp has been determined acceptable to the State Department of Health and Senior Services or the local health authority, based on its determination as to conformance with the requirements of this chapter.

“Buddy system” means a pairing of campers in order to facilitate the accounting of all campers.

“Camp director” means an individual who is in charge of the youth camp and who is qualified in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:25-3.2.

“Campsite” means land, including natural features, where the main camp facilities are located.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services or his or her designee.

“Counselor” means a staff member who is at least 16 years of age.

“Department” means the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services.

“Facility” means a structure, including furnishings and installations, on a campsite used for living and program purposes.

“Health director” means an adult who meets the qualifications required by N.J.A.C. 8:25-5.2 and who is responsible for the proper medical recordkeeping, care, and treatment of all campers as required in this chapter.

“Lifeguard” means a person who is at least 16 years of age and who holds a lifeguarding certificate from an organization recognized by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:25-9.2(a).

“Lifeguard supervisor” means an adult who meets the qualifications for a lifeguard and who is in charge at a waterfront and supervises swimming and watercraft activities and related staff, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:25-9.2(a).

“Local health authority” means the local board of health of any municipality or the boards, body, or officers in such municipality lawfully exercising any of the powers of a local board of health under the laws governing such municipality.

“Passenger vehicle” means a motorized vehicle that has a capacity of nine or fewer persons.

“Pit toilet” means a receptacle for the containment and disposal of excrement which is not connected to a pressurized water supply.

“Privy” means an outbuilding with one or more seats containing a pit for use as a toilet.

“Sanitary sewage” means any liquid waste containing animal or vegetable matter in suspension or solution, or the water carried wastes resulting from the discharge of water closets, laundry tubs, washing machines, sinks, dishwashers, or any other source of water carried wastes of human origin or containing putrescible material. This term specifically excludes industrial, hazardous, or toxic wastes and materials.