

**CHAPTER 12****SKI LIFTS****Authority**

N.J.S.A. 34:44A-4 and Reorganization Plan No. 002-1998.

**Source and Effective Date**

R.1998 d.558, effective October 29, 1998.  
See: 30 N.J.R. 3353(a), 30 N.J.R. 4210(a).

**Chapter Expiration Date**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1c, Chapter 12, Ski Lifts, expires on April 26, 2004. See: 35 N.J.R. 2797(a).

**Chapter Historical Note**

Chapter 12, State Aid for Urban Renewal Projects, which was filed and became effective prior to September 1, 1969, was repealed by R.1981 d.180, effective June 4, 1981. See: 13 N.J.R. 187(a), 13 N.J.R. 333(a).

Chapter 12, Plain Language Review of Consumer Contracts, was adopted as R.1981 d.424, effective November 2, 1981. See: 13 N.J.R. 473(a), 13 N.J.R. 782(b).

Chapter 12, Homelessness Prevention Program, was adopted as Emergency New Rule R.1984 d.570, effective November 29, 1984 (to expire January 28, 1985). See: 16 N.J.R. 3497(a). The provisions of R.1984 d.570 were readopted as R.1985 d.74, effective January 29, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 3497(a), 17 N.J.R. 577(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 12, Homelessness Prevention Program, was readopted as R.1990 d.62, effective December 27, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 2845(a), 22 N.J.R. 336(b). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 12 expired on December 27, 1994.

Chapter 12, Homelessness Prevention Program, was adopted as R.1995 d.56, effective February 6, 1995. See: 26 N.J.R. 4248(a), 27 N.J.R. 483(a).

Pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 002-1998, Chapter 12, Homelessness Prevention Program, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 5:41, effective July 1, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 1347(a), 30 N.J.R. 2644(a).

Chapter 12, Ski Lifts, was originally codified in Title 12 as Chapter 175, Ski Lifts. Chapter 175 was adopted as R.1975 d.371, effective December 17, 1975. See: 8 N.J.R. 42(a).

Chapter 175, Ski Lifts, was repealed and Chapter 175, Ski Lifts, was adopted as new rules by R.1983 d.613, effective January 3, 1984 (operative April 1, 1984). See: 15 N.J.R. 1553(a), 16 N.J.R. 51(c).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 175, Ski Lifts, was readopted as R.1988 d.585, effective November 28, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 2521(a), 20 N.J.R. 3138(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 175, Ski Lifts, was readopted as R.1993 d.639, effective November 10, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 4581(a), 25 N.J.R. 5478(a).

Pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 002-1998, Chapter 175, Ski Lifts, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 5:12, effective July 1, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 1347(a), 30 N.J.R. 2644(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 12, Ski Lifts, was readopted as R.1998 d.558, effective October 29, 1998. See: Source and Effective Date.

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS****5:12-1.1 Title and citation**

This regulation shall be known and may be cited as N.J.A.C. 5:12, Ski Lifts.

**5:12-1.2 Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide reasonable standards for the design, construction and operation of passenger tramways used in skiing for the safety of the public.

**5:12-1.3 Scope**

This chapter shall apply to passenger tramways used in skiing subject to the Ski Lift Safety Act, N.J.S.A. 34:4A-1 et seq.

**5:12-1.4 Documents referred to by reference**

The availability of standards and publications referred to in this chapter is explained in N.J.A.C. 5:12-6.

**5:12-1.5 Validity**

Should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this chapter be declared for any reason to be invalid, such decisions shall not affect the remaining portions of this chapter.

**SUBCHAPTER 2. DEFINITIONS****5:12-2.1 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 Ski Lift Safety Act, N.J.S.A. 34:4A-1 et seq.

“ANSI” means the American National Standards Institute.

“Approved” means acceptable to the commissioner. Any product certified, or classified, or labeled, or listed by a nationally recognized testing agency may be deemed to be acceptable, unless specifically banned by order of the Commissioner.

“Authority having jurisdiction” means the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Community Affairs or any officer or employee of the Department of Community Affairs assigned by him to carry out any of the functions, duties and powers conferred or imposed upon him by the Act.

“Division of Codes and Standards” means the Division of Codes and Standards in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

“Nationally recognized testing agency” means a laboratory, such as the Underwriters’ Laboratories, Inc., or the Factory Mutual Engineering Corporation, or any similar testing organization acceptable to the Commissioner.

“N.J.A.C.” means the New Jersey Administrative Code.

“N.J.S.A.” means the New Jersey Statutes Annotated.

“Office of Safety Compliance” means the Office of Safety Compliance, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

“Operator” means a person who owns, manages or directs the operation of a passenger tramway, and includes the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof.

“Passenger tramway” means a device used to transport passengers uphill, on skis, or in cars, or suspended in the air, by the use of steel cables, chains, belts, or ropes, and usually supported by trestles or towers with one or more spans, and includes among others: an aerial passenger tramway, multi-car aerial passenger tramway, skimobile, chairlift, J-bar, T-bar, poma lift, platter pull, or rope tow.

“Professional engineer” means a person licensed to practice professional engineering in New Jersey by the New Jersey Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

“Serious injury” means an injury to a member of the public which requires treatment by a doctor, such as a fracture, or conditions requiring admittance to a hospital for at least 24 hours.

“Shall” means a mandatory requirement.

“Ski lift” means aerial passenger tramway or passenger tramway.

**SUBCHAPTER 3. ADMINISTRATION****5:12-3.1 Scope of subchapter**

This subchapter shall apply to the administrative procedures to be followed by operators and the appropriate officials of the Division of Codes and Standards concerning passenger tramways.

**5:12-3.2 Compliance**

(a) Every operator of a passenger tramway shall comply with this chapter.

(b) A passenger tramway which is not in compliance with this chapter shall not be used or occupied, except as provided in N.J.A.C. 5:12-4.4.

(c) The Office of Safety Compliance shall order in writing, a temporary cessation of operation of a passenger tramway, if it has been determined after inspection to be hazardous or unsafe. Operation shall not be resumed until the passenger tramway has been reinspected by a designee of the Office of Safety Compliance and it is determined by the designee to be safe for operation.

Amended by R.1988 d.585, effective December 19, 1988.  
See: 20 N.J.R. 2521(a), 20 N.J.R. 3138(a).

(c): Deleted “such conditions are corrected” and added new “the passenger tramway . . .”.