

Summary of 2011 amendments to Subpart 7-2 (Children's Camps) of the New York State Sanitary Code (SSC)

7-2.2 Definitions

- The summer day camp definition has been revised to be consistent with Public Health Law (PHL).
- A definition for nonpassive recreational activities with significant risk for injury has been added.
- Course curriculum standards for first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certifications have been added and references to American Red Cross (ARC) courses removed throughout Subpart 7-2.

7-2.3 Application

- The list of operations exempt from regulation has been expanded to include "pre-college," school, and certain classroom based educational programs.

7-2.4 Permit

- The fee for a children's camp permit has been revised (\$100 to \$200) to be consistent with PHL.

7.2-5 Personnel, supervision, and camp safety plan

- Camp Aquatic Directors minimum experience, certification, and training requirements have been clarified and improved.
- The maximum allowable percentage of on-duty 16-year-old lifeguards at pools and beaches has been increased from 20 percent to 50 percent of required lifeguard staff.
- PHL requirement for the use of the State Sex Offender Registry to determine if staff are listed is incorporated.

7-2.8 Medical requirements

- The first aid course accepted for day camps with minimal physical activity was eliminated.
- PHL requirement for providing meningococcal meningitis information to parents of children at certain overnight camps is incorporated (PHL Section 2167).

7-2.10 Transportation

- Reflective triangles have been added as an acceptable alternative to flares in camp vehicles.

7-2.11 Recreational safety

- An alternative to the requirement for camps to provide a lifeguard during camp trip swimming activities to lifeguarded facilities has been added.
- The number of required staff certified in CPR for wilderness swimming activities has been clarified.

7-2.12 Building construction

- Certain types of summer camp cabins have been exempted from the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (Uniform Code) requirements for fire extinguishing sprinkler systems and minimum occupant floor area requirements;

* In addition to the above amendments to Subpart 7-2, course curriculum standards for "Lifeguard Supervision and Management" have been added to Subpart 6-1 and Subpart 6-2 of the SSC.