



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



37.111.1227 YOUTH CAMPS

- (1) In addition to the other requirements of this subchapter, the operator of a youth camp must:
 - (a) ensure that the site is as free as reasonably possible of objects or conditions which are hazardous to humans;
 - (b) post a warning of potential natural hazards and otherwise inform each camper of the danger; and
 - (c) ensure that each facility and item of equipment used in camp programs are of sufficient quality and properly maintained.
- (2) All cleaning compounds and other toxic chemicals not stored in the product container or package in which it was obtained must be stored in a labeled container that clearly identifies the product by name.
- (3) Adequate and convenient janitorial facilities including a sink and storage area for equipment and chemicals must be provided.
- (4) Poisonous compounds shall not be stored in food preparation areas or food storage areas or in any areas where campers may initiate unsupervised contact.
- (5) In cases in which a youth develops symptoms of illness while at camp, the operator of the youth camp must:
 - (a) isolate the child immediately in a room or area segregated for that purpose;
 - (b) as soon as possible, contact, inform, and consult with a parent or guardian of the child about the illness and take one of the following actions:
 - (i) request that the child be picked up and taken home immediately;
 - (ii) if the parent or guardian agrees, observe the child for a reasonable time and, if the symptoms do not pass, request that the child be taken home; or
 - (iii) if the parent or guardian agrees, call a physician, and follow the physician's instructions.
- (6) Cases of suspected communicable diseases and conditions listed under ARM 37.114.203 must be reported by telephone to the local health officer upon discovery or as soon as possible thereafter if no contact can be made the same day.
- (7) A youth camp operator shall develop and enforce policies on first aid which include, at a minimum:

- (a) keeping a record of an emergency phone number for the parent or guardian of each child attending the camp;
 - (b) measures to be taken in case of injury; and
 - (c) having a physician on call and a person on-site who is trained in Red Cross basic first aid during camp-sponsored activities. Recommendations for first aid supplies and policies may be secured from the Department of Public Health and Human Services, Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Section, 1400 Broadway, P.O. Box 202951, Helena, Montana 59620-2951.
- (8) The youth camp operator must prepare and maintain a record of each instance of fatality stemming from an injury occurring at camp and for each illness or injury occurring at camp which results in a camper either being admitted to the hospital or being diagnosed with a reportable disease listed under ARM 37.114.203. The record must contain:
- (a) description of the injury or illness;
 - (b) description of how the injury or illness occurred;
 - (c) the date and time it occurred; and
 - (d) measures taken to prevent similar injuries from happening in the future.
- (9) A youth camp that prepares or serves food to employees or registered guests must follow the "Food Code, 2013, Recommendations of the United States Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration," adopted and incorporated by reference under ARM 37.110.260.

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