



Community of Christ

RISK MANAGEMENT NEWS

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Welcome All! MCFOs, please forward this newsletter to CFOs, campground and mission center leaders.

<http://www.cofchrist.org/risk/highrisk.asp>

Higher-Risk Activities have been reviewed and a few adjustments have been made. All mission center and campground leaders should note the following changes:

Activities Approved with Qualified Supervision: Cycling has been moved to this category, allowing this activity to be supervised by responsible, focused adults. Helmets must always be worn.

Pool slides have been approved for swimming pools. A special page listing specific requirements has been added to guide campgrounds.

Activities to be Contracted with Professional Companies: Companies providing these activities must provide both *1) The proper insurance coverage and 2) on-site supervision for the activity.* It is not permissible for them to drop off or set up the activity and leave the supervision to us.

Activities Requiring Specific Expertise: (Make note that we have changed the name of this category.) Some activities require specific expertise before safely participating. The leader should hold a current instructor rating from a certifying body or have documented experience and skill in teaching the activity. All participants should be pre-qualified in order to participate independently, while all others must be under the watchful guidance of the instructor.

Activities NOT Permitted: Please review this section for activities that are NOT

permitted on church property and are NOT to be sponsored by church jurisdictions.

Lifeguard Requirements: Personal floatation devices must be worn while floating or tubing, and while in canoes or boats. Each campground needs to be aware of the local boating and water-safety regulations that apply to their campground, and not rely only on the general guidance from Risk Management. Instructions regarding Lake Activities and River Activities are provided to clarify the role of the lifeguard.

Nursing Requirements: The Medical Professionals listed are in order of preference, and Michigan Licensed First Aid Responders are allowed only in Michigan. Campgrounds need to be aware and carefully follow all local requirements for medical professionals. Medical staff needs to have valid licenses in the state where the campground is located and in each state where the activity takes place.

PREVENTATIVE TIP OF THE MONTH:

*Fire extinguishers are required in accordance with local, state, and national codes and regulations: Typically, a 5# ABC (most common) unit per 3,000 square feet is required.

*Check to see what YOUR local, state, and national codes and regulations are: 1) for the number of units you need for your facility and 2) what maintenance might be required: how often do you need to check them and to have them serviced, etc.

*Have you had instructions with your congregational folks on how to use the fire extinguisher? If not, this would be a good time to set that up!!!