

10A NCAC 09 .2506 GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- (a) First Aid equipment shall be available regardless of where activities are provided.
- (b) All requirements in Rule .1403 of this Chapter regarding activities involving water shall apply.
- (c) Potentially hazardous items, such as archery equipment, hand and power tools, nails, chemicals, or propane stoves, shall be used by children only when adult supervision is provided. Such potentially hazardous items, whether or not intended for use by the children, shall be stored in locked areas or with other safeguards, or shall be removed from the premises.
- (d) All children shall be adequately supervised. Adequate supervision means staff shall be with the group of children and able to hear or see each child in his or her care, except:
 - (1) Children who are developmentally able may be permitted to go to the restroom independently, provided that:
 - (A) staff members' proximity to children assures immediate intervention to safeguard a child from harm;
 - (B) individuals who are not staff members may not enter the restroom area while in use by any child; and
 - (C) children up to nine years of age are supervised by staff members who are able to hear the child. Children nine years of age and older are not required to be directly supervised, however, staff members shall know the whereabouts of children who have left their group to use the restroom;
 - (2) Adequate supervision for children nine years of age and older means that staff are with the group of children and able to hear or see each child in his or her care. A staff member shall accompany any children who leave the group to go indoors or outdoors; and
 - (3) When emergencies necessitate that direct supervision is impossible for brief periods of time.
- (e) Children riding bicycles must wear safety helmets.

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