
PD-4 PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

A camp should implement a system that requires camp program equipment to be:

PD-4A: Regularly checked for safety, maintained in good repair, and stored in a manner to safeguard its effectiveness.

PD-4B: Appropriate to the size and ability of the user.

Applies to:

- Day camps
- Resident camps
- Short-term resident programs
- User-group programs

INTERPRETATION: "Program equipment" includes all equipment utilized to carry out both general and specialized program activities, such as archery, sports, outdoor living skills, crafts, backpacking, or other specialized activities.

Camps should establish procedures concerning how often equipment is checked and by whom. Storage locations should be dry and provide protection from weather, rodents, etc. Appropriate equipment storage should be determined by consulting with authoritative sources. In this regard, the ACA website, www.acacamps.org, should be consulted for a list of commonly used authoritative sources.

COMPLIANCE DEMONSTRATION: Director/staff explanation of procedures used; visitor observation of selected program equipment as stored and used.

