

American Camp Association Government Affairs Committee

The Board of Directors has asked the Board Government Affairs Committee to undertake a review of its previous Camp Safety Public Policy Position Statement (2004) and propose new recommended statement for consideration at the February 2020 board meeting. The Camp Safety Position statement is considered critical to the work of ACA and is the highest priority for immediate review. The Board of Directors has requested a new recommended statement which they can consider at the February 2020 board meeting.

The Government Affairs Committee is a board committee and makes public policy recommendations to the board for decision. The position statements identify ACA's public policy positions on various Government Affairs issues and are public statements. ACA is a 501c3 organization so these statements must reflect a position for the public good. We are not a trade organization.

We would like to gather input from the NCOL for this project and will be initiating this discussion during the meeting on December 6. We thank you in advance for taking time to think about the following potential questions before that December meeting.

- Camp Safety vs Camper Safety – what is the difference?
- Does safety in this context include both physical and emotional safety?
- What is – or should be – the intersection of ACA accreditation standards with safe practices and regulation?