

# CAMPSITE, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT



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## Section CFE

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## Year-round Standards for Accreditation

## Disclaimer

Within these Standards, reference is made to certain laws and regulations that apply to programs at camps. For the purpose of explanation, education and example only, summaries of some of the applicable legislation are provided within these Standards. The OCA makes no representation or guarantee that the summaries or examples provided are complete, or that they are accurate interpretations of how the legal requirements apply to a camp's particular circumstances. Camps are cautioned not to rely on the summaries contained in these Standards. It is a camp's responsibility to learn about and understand the legal requirements that apply to them, and to ensure that they comply in all respects.

## General Notes

If camps operate their programs on rental or leased facilities or operate in their parent organization's facilities they are still required to ensure and verify that these standards are being met. They should review these standards with the owner of the facilities before the OCA visit and must acquire any necessary documentation for their files. It may be helpful for the owner of the facilities to be present for this component of the visit. A detailed written record of the review should be kept.

**NOTE: In the codes and regulations, "camper" means everyone at camp, and therefore includes both campers and staff.**

Most newly constructed or renovated buildings must conform to the Ontario Building Code (OBC) and Municipal Zoning Bylaws. In OBC, some children's camps are classified as C-residential, and come under Part 9 - Housing and Small Buildings. However, the barrier-free requirements that may apply are in Part 3.

Wherever the camp is located, the health and safety of campers, staff and visitors is the top priority. Camps should proactively develop safety procedures and emergency response plans for their own situations.



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## Relevant Regulations and Resources

- Canadian Playground Safety Institute  
..... **[www.cpsionline.ca/index.php?action=cms.trainCpsiResources](http://www.cpsionline.ca/index.php?action=cms.trainCpsiResources)**
  - Health Protection & Promotion Act, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 568 – Recreational Camps;  
Reg. 565 – Public Pools..... **[e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://e-laws.gov.on.ca)**
  - Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, O. Reg. 170/03
  - Ministry of the Environment ..... **[ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/category/water/index.htm](http://ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/category/water/index.htm)**
  - Fact Sheet on water specifically for children’s camps  
..... **[ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/ezone/index.htm](http://ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/ezone/index.htm)**
  - Ontario Building Code 2006 (OBC)..... **[ontario.ca/laws/regulation/120332](http://ontario.ca/laws/regulation/120332)**
  - Ontario Fire Code..... **[ontario.ca/laws/statue/90001](http://ontario.ca/laws/statue/90001)**
  - Ontario Occupational Health & Safety Act
  - Parachute ..... **[parachutecanada.org/injury-topics/item/  
playground-standards-in-canada-lt?gclid=CNPS9rT7s8ACFEahaMgodgVkAjA](http://parachutecanada.org/injury-topics/item/playground-standards-in-canada-lt?gclid=CNPS9rT7s8ACFEahaMgodgVkAjA)**
  - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
  - Municipal Zoning Bylaws
  - Canadian Standards Association (CSA)..... **[csagroup.org/ca/en/home](http://csagroup.org/ca/en/home)**
  - Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
  - BEAR WISE
  - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)
  - Ontario Government Bear Wise ..... **[ontario.ca/bearwise](http://ontario.ca/bearwise)**
  - Algonquin Park Black Bear Safety  
..... **[algonquinpark.on.ca/visit/recreational\\_activites/black-bear-safety-rules.php](http://algonquinpark.on.ca/visit/recreational_activites/black-bear-safety-rules.php)**
  - Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act ..... **[ontario.ca/laws/statute/97f41](http://ontario.ca/laws/statute/97f41)**
  - Criminal Code of Canada  
..... **<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/sor-98-462/fulltext.html>**
  - Waste Management Links:
    - i) **[blast.net/tmalloy/bears/](http://blast.net/tmalloy/bears/)**
    - ii) **[bearsaver.com/index2.ivnu](http://bearsaver.com/index2.ivnu)**
    - iii) **[bearbins.com/about.htm](http://bearbins.com/about.htm)** \*\*
    - iv) **[haulall.com/](http://haulall.com/)**\*\*
- \*\* Canadian Companies
- Urban Wildlife Conflicts:
    - i) **[ontario.ca/page/strategy-preventing-and-managing-human-wildlife-conflicts-ontario](http://ontario.ca/page/strategy-preventing-and-managing-human-wildlife-conflicts-ontario)**
    - ii) **[ontario.ca/page/prevent-conflicts-wildlife](http://ontario.ca/page/prevent-conflicts-wildlife)**



# CFE.1. Ontario Regulations

CFE.1.1.	If an overnight camp has been closed for more than thirty days, has the camp notified in writing the local Medical Officer of Health fourteen days prior to the reopening of the camp?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.1.2.	If the camp has a swimming pool, has the camp operator notified in writing the local Medical Officer of Health fourteen days prior to the pool reopening?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.1.3.	Does the number of toilets/privies comply with current regulations and the Ontario Building Code?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.1.4.	Are hand washing facilities available near all toilets/privies and in food preparation areas?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.1.5.	Are toilets/privies cleaned at least daily and are staff monitoring, reporting and cleaning the toilets/privies when required?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.1.6.	Do sleeping quarters, other than tents, have the minimum floor area as required?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.1.7.	Where tents are used for accommodation, does the camp limit the number of occupants according to the manufacturer's recommendations?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.1.8.	Does the drinking water system comply with the Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act?	Yes	No	NA

## MANDATORY:

CFE.1.1., 1.2., 1.3., 1.4., 1.6., 1.7. and 1.8.

## Applies to:

- Day Camps
- Overnight Camps
- Short-term Programmes
- Rentals

## CFE.1. ONTARIO REGULATIONS:

### Contextual Education

**CFE.1.1.** Current regulations require 60 days written notice is required to the Medical Officer of Health prior to the opening of a camp for the very first time at that location/facility. If the operation of that camp is interrupted for more than a thirty day period, 14 days' notice in writing must be made to the local Medical Officer of Health. As such, most camps must provide notice at least annually, prior to the summer season. Camps should confirm requirements directly with their local health unit. Camps are required to be familiar with and adhere to any legislation or regulations that apply in their circumstances.

**CFE.1.2.** The letter should include the date the pool will be re-opened, the name and address of the operator and the A or B classification of the pool. Camps should confirm requirements directly with their local Health Unit. Camps are required to be familiar with and adhere to any legislation or regulations that apply in their circumstances.

**CFE.1.3.** For example, health regulations prescribe that overnight camps are required to have at least one separate hygiene facility for each sex at camp, a minimum of one toilet/privy for every ten campers of each sex, a washroom with toilet and sink near the kitchen for use by the kitchen staff, screened windows, self-closing, tight-fitting doors and adequate ventilation. In male washrooms, half the required toilets can be urinals. Camps are required to be familiar with and adhere to any legislation or regulations that apply in their circumstances.

Some camps may be subject to requirements of the Ontario Building Code. For example, day camps would normally fall under GROUP A-2 Assembly occupancy regulations in the Ontario Building Code (OBC), which list various requirements depending on level of occupancy. As a minimum, day camps should follow the OBC regulations as they pertain to elementary and secondary schools: at least one toilet plus sink for each 30 males and each 26 females. In male washrooms, half of the toilets may be urinals. Camps are required to be familiar with and adhere to any legislation or regulations that apply in their circumstances as they may apply throughout this section.

**CFE.1.4.** Health regulations for some camps require at least two lavatories with hot and cold water per flush toilet, and a wash basin in the kitchen. Privies require waterless hand sanitizing products, single-use moist hand wet-wipes or cold water in a pail or other portable container.

CFE.1.5. Toilet facilities are required to be sanitary (with respect to smelling clean/free of dirt/free of contaminating materials) and in good repair.

Staff are encouraged to report any concerns regarding cleanliness or supplies that need to be replaced at their earliest opportunity so that the toilet/privy can be dealt with quickly.

Staff responsible for cleaning the washrooms should check on the toilets/privies at regular intervals throughout the day and document in the chart/log that must be posted in each washroom.

Staff responsible for cleaning the washrooms should follow all of the safety guidelines (WHMIS) when cleaning the facilities such as using gloves, wearing eye protection when using cleaning solutions such as bleach.

**CFE.1.6.** Current regulations for some camps require that where there are no beds, the minimum floor area should be at least 3.72 m<sup>2</sup> (40 sq. ft.) per person. Where there are single beds, double or triple bunks, the minimum floor area should be at least 2.79 m<sup>2</sup> (30 sq. ft.) per bed.

**CFE.1.7.** Camps, except those that obtain their drinking water from municipal sources, must comply with the Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act 2002, O. Regulation 170/03. This Act prescribes a number of requirements for provision of drinking water to campers and staff. For example, camps that fall under the Act may be required to have a trained and certified individual carry out the required testing, ensure that this individual is re-certified every three years, carry out accurate water testing according to the Ministry of the Environment schedule, retain test records for at least five years, understand the procedure for reporting an adverse test result, and submit an annual report to the Ministry of the Environment.

## **CFE.1. ONTARIO REGULATIONS:** Compliance Demonstration

### **Written Documentation:**

CFE.1.1. Current, approved notification by the Ministry of Health.

CFE.1.7. Current, approved water test results from the appropriate authority.  
(Does not apply if on a community - public - water supply.)



*Camp Northway*

## CFE.2. Campsite/Facilities

**MANDATORY:  
CFE.2.5. and 2.6.**

**Applies to:**

- Day Camps
- Overnight Camps
- Short-term Programmes
- Rentals

CFE.2.1.	Does the campsite provide privacy from the general public and security for campers and staff?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.2.2.	Does the site have adequate space and equipment for conducting the activities described in the camp's promotional literature?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.2.3.	Does the camp have adequate sheltered program space to accommodate campers during inclement weather?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.2.4.	Is playground equipment inspected monthly and is the inspection recorded?	Yes	No	NA
<b>CFE.2.5.</b>	<b>Are all facilities safe for use?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>CFE.2.6.</b>	<b>Are all facilities checked regularly for hazards and damage?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
CFE.2.7.	Are the trees surrounding the camp buildings and in the areas frequented by campers inspected regularly?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.2.8.	Does the camp have accurate site plans available on site showing the location of utilities, sanitation lines and other underground services?	Yes	No	NA

**CFE.2. CAMPSITE / FACILITIES:**

### Contextual Education

CFE.2.1. Camps located near public facilities or within residential areas should have a reasonable amount of space for the camp's exclusive use, free from the intrusion of uninvited persons or the general public. If privacy and security are not possible, the camp should have procedures to control and minimize interaction between the campers and the public.

CFE.2.2. and 2.3. Consideration to be given in order to be safe when participating in the activities in the space allotted. Maximum occupancy signage must be posted in all indoor spaces and these maximum numbers must be abided by. For assembly occupancies without fixed seating, the Ontario Building Code (OBC) may apply, which requires at least 3m<sup>2</sup> (10 sq. ft.) per person. Complying with local fire regulations must also be considered.



CFE.2.4. The Canadian Standards Association (CSA) has established standards for play spaces and equipment in Canada. A “playground” is a play area with constructed apparatus in a defined space on which campers swing, climb, slide, jump and play in an unstructured way. It does not include gymnastics or initiatives equipment in which an individual or group activity is directed, or an open field or games court. A playground includes a single swing, tire swing or other “homemade” equipment and the related area to any such apparatus.

Staff should establish a schedule for checking playgrounds used by campers, on a regular basis if used daily, or immediately prior to the experience if used only occasionally by campers. The regular checks by staff of playground equipment, on the camp or off site, should verify, for example, that all equipment is moving freely, that structures are sound, that no sharp edges or points exist, and that loose-fill materials are in place on the surface around the playground. Camp owners/directors should be aware of any regulations that specifically address playgrounds and inspection/safety requirements. This standard applies to playgrounds on camp property and off site.

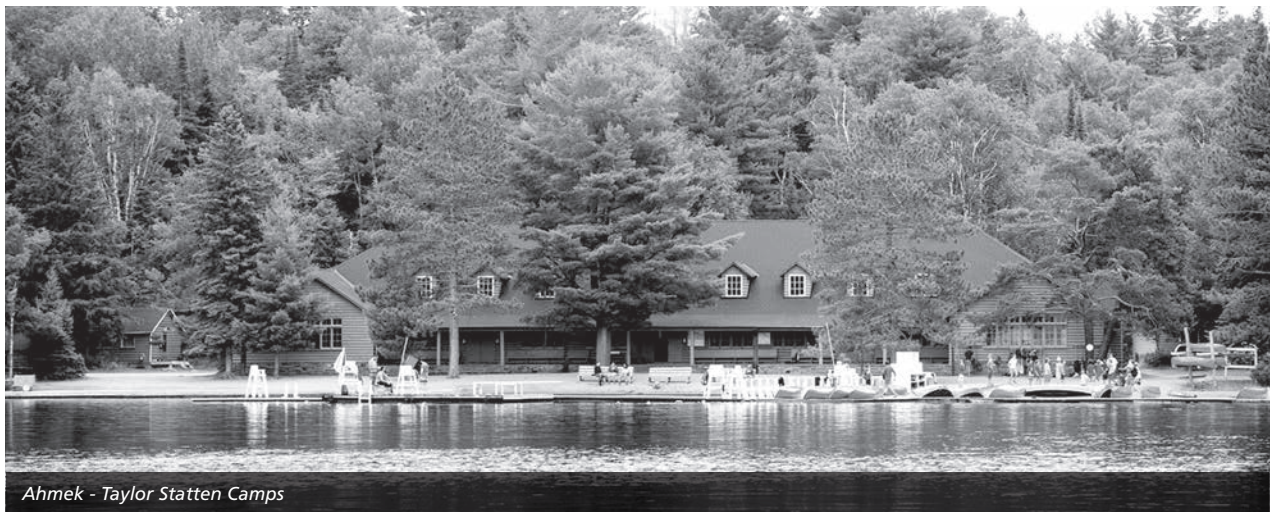
CFE.2.8. Camp staff should have information immediately available to enable them to locate cut-off points in the event of an emergency as well as for routine maintenance. Information may be obtained from utility companies or suppliers and from property files. Charts or descriptions should be available for immediate inspection.

## **CFE.2. CAMPSITE / FACILITIES:** Compliance Demonstration

### **Visitor Observation**

### **Visitor Interview/Discussion**

**Written Documentation:** Current approved notification from Public Health.



*Ahnek - Taylor Statten Camps*



## CFE.3. Fire Equipment and Safety

### MANDATORY:

CFE.3.1., 3.2., 3.3., 3.4., 3.5., 3.6., 3.7., 3.8., 3.9. and 3.10.

### Applies to:

- Day Camps
- Overnight Camps
- Short-term Programmes
- Rentals

CFE.3.1.	Is the camp in compliance with the Fire Prevention and Protection Act and the Ontario Fire Code?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.3.2.	Are smoke detectors located in all sleeping and assembly areas as required by local jurisdiction?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.3.3.	Are fire suppression systems located in cooking areas as required by law?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.3.4.	Are carbon monoxide detectors located where fuel-burning appliances are used?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.3.5.	Are fire emergency procedures posted in key locations?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.3.6.	Does the camp practise or review fire drills with each new group of campers and staff?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.3.7.	Is the proper firefighting equipment for the anticipated type of fire readily available?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.3.8.	During the camp's period of operations, is the fire safety equipment checked monthly?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.3.9.	Are buildings with more than one floor equipped with at least two means of exit from each floor?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.3.10.	Are flammable, hazardous and toxic materials stored in properly marked containers in a secure area?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.3.11.	Has the camp director or designate made yearly contact with local emergency services in order to co-ordinate an efficient response during an emergency at camp?	Yes	No	NA

### **CFE.3. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY:**

## Contextual Education

Not all codes, legislation or regulations apply in all circumstances. Camps are required to be familiar with and adhere to any legislation or regulations that apply in their circumstances as they may apply throughout this section.

**CFE.3.2.** Smoke detectors are required adjacent to all sleeping areas in permanent and semi-permanent buildings as defined by your local fire/building inspector. Current codes may require that they be hard-wired, unless there is no electricity in the building. All detection devices must be checked regularly. It is recommended that smoke detectors be replaced every 10 years.

**CFE.3.4.** Carbon monoxide is a by-product of incomplete combustion of fuels such as natural gas, propane, heating oil, kerosene, coal, charcoal, gasoline or wood. A carbon monoxide detector must be installed if any kind of fuel burning appliance is used. The Ontario Building Code identifies where carbon monoxide detectors are to be located. It is recommended that carbon monoxide detectors be replaced every 10 years.

**CFE.3.5.** A written fire emergency plan should be known and practised by all campers and staff. This plan should be posted throughout the site/facility, particularly beside telephones. A written fire emergency plan includes 911 and/or the local emergency phone number, the municipal address of the camp, information on the alarm system, the procedure to be followed by each staff member and camper, a map showing the location and type of firefighting equipment, an assembly location, a method of accounting for everyone, and a procedure for evacuation.

**CFE.3.6.** The camp should have a documented plan of how fire drills are to be carried out and how frequently they are to be practised (it is recommended that these drills be practised at least once within the first day or two of a camp session).

**CFE.3.8.** Monthly, check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, other alarm systems and firefighting equipment. Remove the extinguisher from its bracket for a close visual inspection. Ensure that the extinguisher's gauge is in the "OK" area, that the protective pin is in place and that there are no obstructions in the hose or nozzle that will affect operation. Attach a tag to each extinguisher to document date of inspections. Service extinguishers as required and, at least, annually.

CFE.3.11. Prior contact with appropriate emergency services, such as police, fire, hospital, and local medical facility, will enable the camp director to know what fire protection equipment and resources are available in the local community. If the water at camp is not under pressure, the local fire department should be notified so that they will respond to any alarm with the appropriate equipment.

### **CFE.3. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY:** Compliance Demonstration

**Visitor Observation:** Tour of camp facilities

**Visitor Interview:** Director to explain the type of program and use of site in relation to access to washrooms, etc.



*Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council*

# CFE.4. Electrical and Power Equipment

<b>CFE.4.1.</b>	<b>Is the use of power tools and heavy equipment restricted to authorized individuals?</b>	Yes	No	NA
CFE.4.2.	Are all electrical equipment, fixtures and wiring maintained in good repair?	Yes	No	NA
<b>CFE.4.3.</b>	<b>Are power tools and heavy equipment stored in secure locations?</b>	Yes	No	NA
CFE.4.4.	Is all equipment checked regularly and repaired in a timely manner?	Yes	No	NA

**MANDATORY:**  
CFE.4.1., and CFE.4.3

**Applies to:**

- Day Camps
- Overnight Camps
- Short-term Programmes
- Rentals

## CFE.4. ELECTRICAL AND POWER EQUIPMENT:

### Contextual Education

**CFE.4.1., 4.2., 4.3. and 4.4.** These standards apply to tools and machines used by participants and staff in program activities as well as for maintenance. Camps that use volunteer crews for maintenance projects should have procedures to ensure proper handling of power tools.

CFE.4.2. All plug-in electrical equipment must be CSA or UL approved.

**CFE.4.3.** All power tools and heavy equipment must be stored in secure locations where only authorized personnel have access. Signage should indicate that this is a restricted area.

CFE.4.4. All equipment should be checked regularly and repaired in a timely manner. Staff should report any concerns immediately to a point person who will ensure that the issues are dealt with quickly and effectively. This process should be outlined in the policy and procedures and a log should be kept by the site manager.

## CFE.4. ELECTRICAL AND POWER EQUIPMENT:

### Compliance Demonstration

**Visitor Observation:** Tour of camp facilities



## CFE.5. Garbage Management

### MANDATORY: ALL

#### Applies to:

- Day Camps
- Overnight Camps
- Short-term Programmes
- Rentals

CFE.5.1.	Is garbage deposited in leak-proof, durable containers equipped with tight-fitting lids?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.5.2.	Is the storage area for garbage maintained clean and dry?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.5.3.	Is garbage removed after each meal from any room in which food is prepared, served or stored?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.5.4.	Are garbage receptacles cleaned when required and air-dried?	Yes	No	NA

### CFE.5. GARBAGE MANAGEMENT:

#### Contextual Education

**CFE.5.1, 5.2., 5.3. and 5.4.** The collection, handling, storage and recycling of garbage or waste relates to a number of camp health, safety and environmental issues. The intent of these regulations is to assure that waste is collected, moved and stored in a way that minimizes garbage leaks, breakage, and dispersal of waste on the floor or on the ground. It is also intended to prevent the attraction of flies, vermin and other animals into buildings or around facilities.

It is recognized that some collection may occur in open containers either with bags or without, but that this waste should be deposited in a manner that conforms to the goal of the regulation. It is understood that bags may be used in conjunction with containers and that durable, sealed bags may be used for storage, but only if they are contained within a durable and closed container. The garbage storage area or areas should be maintained in a manner that furthers these objectives.

Waste or garbage should not be left in the dining or food preparation area between meals but should be removed and/or properly stored.

### CFE.5. GARBAGE MANAGEMENT:

#### Compliance Demonstration

**Visitor Observation:** Tour of camp facilities.

**Visitor Interview:** Director/staff description of cleaning procedure and review of the handling procedures of potentially hazardous materials.

**Written Documentation:** Logs/Lists

## CFE.6. Environmental Responsibility

CFE.6.1.	Does the camp have adequate garbage receptacles to ensure the site is kept litter free?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.6.2.	Where possible, does the camp reduce, recycle, reuse?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.6.3.	Where possible, does the camp compost?	Yes	No	NA
<b>CFE.6.4.</b>	<b>Are aerosol containers, paint, propane tanks, batteries, medical waste, "sharps" and other hazardous materials disposed of in accordance with provincial regulations and municipal by-laws?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>

### **MANDATORY: CFE.6.4.**

#### **Applies to:**

- **Day Camps**
- **Overnight Camps**
- **Short-term Programmes**
- **Rentals**

### **CFE.6. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

#### Contextual Education

CFE.6.1. and 6.2. Garbage receptacles should be labelled to separate recyclable materials from other waste.

CFE.6.2. Camps should be role models for good environmental practises such as composting, recycling, re-using, reducing waste and conserving energy. In day-to-day operations, the use of energy efficient equipment and appliances is encouraged. Camps contemplating renovations or new buildings are encouraged to utilize environmentally sustainable building design and construction.

From year to year, camps should monitor changes in the site, the land, watercourses, vegetation, shoreline, waterfront and shallows, in order to assess levels of environmental impact, and rehabilitate where needed.

### **CFE.6. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

#### Compliance Demonstration

**Visitor Observation:** Tour of camp facilities – randomly selected sleeping quarters throughout the site.

## CFE.7. Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

**MANDATORY: ALL**

**Applies to:**

- Day Camps
- Overnight Camps
- Short-term Programmes
- Rentals

CFE.7.1.	Are hazardous products used at camp properly identified and labelled?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.7.2.	Does the camp have Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) or Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for hazardous products used at camp, which fall under WHMIS?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.7.3.	Are all staff given WHMIS training, as required by law?	Yes	No	NA

**CFE.7. WHIMS:**

### Contextual Education

**CFE.7.1., 7.2. and 7.3.** WHMIS is a Federal-Provincial government-regulated hazard communication system meant to provide information about how to handle, store, use or dispose of hazardous materials in the workplace. There are provincial laws and regulations that govern the implementation of WHMIS in the workplace. Camps are required to be familiar with and adhere to any legislation or regulations that apply in their circumstances as they may apply throughout this section. The goal of WHMIS is to reduce accidents and prevent health hazards. Hazardous materials can include cleaning products, laundry detergent, bleaches and dishwashing detergents ordered from a supplier, not material that is packaged as a consumer product in quantities normally used by the consuming public. All hazardous products must be stored in safe and secure locations.

There are three important parts of WHMIS:

**LABELS:** All hazardous products must carry labels that clearly identify the product and provide information about it, including what to do in case of accidental ingestion. If liquids are transferred from the original container to smaller containers, these new containers must be labelled with the same information.

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS (MSDS) SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS):** MSDS or SDS must be available for every hazardous product used at camp. The MSDS provide much more detailed information about the product. MSDS should be obtained from the supplier. Many are available online. These sheets must be stored in a location that is readily accessible to all employees.

**WORKER EDUCATION:** All employees must be provided with up-to-date information about the hazardous products they will or may come in contact with throughout their employment at camp. Written records of the employee education must be kept.

#### CFE.7. WHIMIS:

### Compliance Demonstration

**Visitor Observation:** Material Safety Data Sheets or Safety Data Sheets should be readily available.



Camp Wenonah



## CFE.8. Bear Wise/ Wildlife Control

**MANDATORY: NONE**

**Applies to:**

- Day Camps
- Overnight Camps
- Short-term Programmes
- Rentals

### EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

This can include:

- Reading educational fact sheets (Appendix A)
- Reviewing the MNRF Bear Wise website (Appendix B)
- Reviewing relevant policies and regulations (Appendix B)
- Reviewing and becoming familiar with OCA standards and developing a camp-specific black bear protocol (Appendix C)
- Participating in bear presentations/workshops
- Participating in bear encounter training
- Reporting a bear encounter to the MNRF by calling the Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327.

CFE.8.1.	Does the camp have bear and wildlife protection/deterrent Protocols when required?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.8.2.	Does the camp provide Bear Wise and wildlife safety training for staff and participants when required?	Yes	No	NA
CFE.8.3.	Is the camp compliant with wildlife control regulations?	Yes	No	NA

### CFE.8. BEAR WISE/WILDLIFE CONTROL:

#### Contextual Education

CFE.8.1. The first and most important step to minimize human-bear conflicts is to remove what is attracting bears in the first place. A bear's entire life revolves around food: when they are not hibernating, bears spend most of their time looking for food. Most conflicts between bears and people happen when bears are attracted by smells and rewarded with an easy meal (e.g. garbage that is easily accessible). When bears pick up a scent with their keen noses, they will investigate it. As long as the food source is available (e.g. bird food, garbage or pet food), bears will return.

A wide variety of commercially available 'bear-resistant' products exist, and can include in-camp small waste bins and large dumpsters. It is important to empty the containers as often as possible; MNRF recommends emptying small waste bins daily and emptying large dumpsters at least once a week (or more frequently if possible). To further eliminate odours, MNRF also recommends rinsing bins with water and/or a disinfectant.

CFE.8.2. and 8.3. Camp employees are responsible for providing safe experiences for campers, as well as keeping themselves safe while in bear country. The best preventative tool to minimize human-bear conflicts is education. Camp directors, counsellors and staff should be taught to identify potential risk areas, how to keep camp areas clear of attractants, what to do in a bear encounter and most importantly, how to effectively educate campers on how to be "Bear Wise".

### CFE.8. BEAR WISE/WILDLIFE CONTROL:

#### Compliance Demonstration

**Visitor Observation:** Policies and Procedures regarding garbage, Bear Wise training for staff and campers, emergency numbers posted, process for reporting nuisance bears, all should be readily available.