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§10:127-9.15 Camping

(a) The facility shall obtain and maintain on file at the administrative office all permits, certificates or licenses that are required by the host state and local governments when using a campsite.

(b) The facility shall ensure that all campsites it utilizes are located in areas that are well-drained and free of observable seepage.

(c) The facility shall ensure that all tents, teepees and canvas on covered wagons are:

1. Made of fire retardant material; and
2. Made of waterproof material that have seams that are coated to resist water.

(d) The facility shall ensure that cabins, tents that are designed for two or more children, teepees and covered wagons when used for sleeping provide:

1. At least 20 square feet per person (for teepees, usable space is measured from the four foot level from the ground and does not include space taken up by any inside liners);
2. At least 30 inches between beds and sleeping bags;
3. At least six feet between heads of sleepers; and
4. Cross ventilation.

(e) The facility may follow the manufacturer's tent capacity instead of the requirements identified in (d) above when children and staff utilize a tent(s) for three days or less.

(f) The facility shall prohibit smoking of tobacco products and cooking in all tents, teepees and covered wagons.

(g) The facility shall ensure that male and female children do not sleep in the same quarters.

(h) If the facility uses sleeping bags instead of beds or bed linens, the facility shall ensure that sleeping bags are:

1. Flame resistant;
2. When in use, aired at least every five days and cleaned at least once a month and more often if necessary;
3. Sufficient for the temperatures where the sleeping bags will be used, as indicated by the manufacturer's label; and
4. Placed on a mat or padding when the air temperature at night is below 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

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