



MANDATORY USE OF HELMETS DURING SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES POLICY

DM Approval:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

One of the goals of the *Education Act* is to encourage the physical development and personal health and fitness of students. To this end, Yukon Education supports school-related activities that promote health and fitness through physical activities. Student safety and effective risk management are of paramount importance during all such activities.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the health and safety of students during school-related activities.

DEFINITIONS

'Commercial Service Provider' means any for-profit or non-profit agency or First Nation Government that is engaged to provide services for an off-site experiential learning trip or other school-related activity.

POLICY STATEMENT

Students are required to wear appropriate helmets while participating in school-related activities in which there is a risk of head injury. Such activities include but are not limited to:

- a. alpine skiing;
- b. snowboarding;
- c. ice skating;
- d. ice hockey;
- e. skateboarding;
- f. in-line skating;
- g. speed skating;
- h. roller blading;

- i. mountain biking;
- j. road biking.

Helmets used during school-related activities must be approved for the activity by the Canadian Standards Association or other appropriate body.

Any agreement with a Commercial Service Provider must include a requirement to provide students with helmets during such activities.

School administrators may require that helmets be worn by students for any type of school-related activity where the school administrator deems it appropriate.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of school administrators, school staff, and students to ensure that the requirements of this policy are followed at all times during school-related activities.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to all staff and students of Yukon Education.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where the individual circumstances of a case are such that the provisions of this policy cannot be applied or to do so would result in an unfair or an unintended result, the decision may be based on the individual merits and justice of the situation. Such a decision will be considered for that specific case only and will not be precedent setting.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective July 1, 2015.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY REFERENCES

Education Act

HISTORY

Mandatory Use of Helmets for School Sponsored Activities Policy, effective January 6, 2005; amended July 1, 2015.