



RECREATION & PARKS DIVISION

CHILD SAFETY RULES

The City of Johns Creek Recreation & Parks Division is committed to providing our children with a safe environment to participate in City-sponsored programs. The following rules have been created to protect the children and adults that participate in our programs.

RULE #1 Two-Person Rule Those working with children and youth in organized activities shall observe the "two-person rule" and/or the "open view rule" at all times. The "two-person rule" requires that employees, volunteers, and supervisors should avoid situations where one worker is alone with children or youth without a partner. If the two-person rule is not feasible or practical, then the "open view rule" must be observed. The "open view rule" requires the interior of the occupied room to be visible to outside observers. An open door, a split door with one half open or an observation window or opening meets the requirements of the "open view rule". When a child in sixth grade or under needs to use the restroom, one adult will check out the restroom before the child enters. The adult will wait outside the restroom to escort the child back to the room.

Rule #2 Physical Contact Discretion is necessary in regards to physical contact with children. Hugs, handshakes, high fives, and pats on the arm or shoulder are acceptable. The City will not permit or sanction corporal punishment of any kind by its staff and volunteers. No one should ever use one-on-one physical force on a child by spanking, swatting, grabbing or shaking as a means of discipline. Adults are not allowed to yell or scream in anger, or threaten a child through bodily motions that may scare them.

Rule #3 Reporting Abuse If you suspect that a child is a victim of abuse is, by law, you are required to notify your supervisor.

Rule #4 Transportation of Children Volunteers and staff members are discouraged from transporting children in their personal vehicles. If transporting children is necessary, it should be done by two adults.

Rule #5 Overnight Activities Overnight team "sleep-overs" are discouraged.

Rule #6 Off-premise Activities Two or more prepared staff or volunteers are required at all off-premise activities with children.

Rule #7 Drugs & Alcohol All spectators, participants, volunteers and staff shall refrain from the use of alcohol, illegal drugs and tobacco during all City-sponsored activities.

Rule #8 Secret Organizations/Exclusive Clubs Secret Organizations or Exclusive Clubs within City-sponsored programs and activities are prohibited.

If have questions regarding these Child Safety Rules, please contact the City of Johns Creek Recreation & Parks Division at 678-512-3200.