



Summary of Key Changes to ATCP 78 Revision

78.06 - Plan review requirement:

- New construction, moving or adding structures is a separate process from plan submittal to other agencies applicable to requirements only within ATCP 78.

78.08 - Department fees:

- Risk based license criteria-see updated definition of “camper,” “camp” and “hospitality activity.”

78.14 - Inspections

- Department and its Agents posting of inspection report information online.

78.15 - Active (effective) managerial control details that may reduce inspection frequency.

78.16 - Camps serving rental groups written agreement contents clearly stated in rule.

78.18 (2) - Drinking water test details also includes nitrate, seasonal well water test preceding 2 months of season.

78.20 - Toilet facilities:

- Operational updates: privacy locks on each stall, provision of toilet paper, soap, toweling, and wastebasket.
- Shower flooring anti-slip surface or matting.

78.21 - Camper sleeping quarters:

- Defined permanent and open-air sleeping experiences standards.
- Increased flexibility in bed layout and total camper capacity.

78.24 - Buildings and grounds:

- Safety standards for handrails, guards and stairs.
- Fire prevention clarified expectations for fire extinguishers, smoke and CO detection.

78.26 - Camper supervision and safety:

- Background check details, including hiring threshold policy developed and reviewed within last 3 years.
- High and low element challenge course written third-party inspection within past 24 months.
- “Specialized program activity” “trained adult” requirements and definitions.
- Written lifeguard and attendant staffing plan contents.
- Horseback riding camper riding ability evaluation, and locked storage of livestock medications.
- Motorized vehicle provided for camper program, life safety equipment details and vehicle use guidelines policy.
- Annual camper sexual abuse prevention camp staff training. Camp or vendor provided options possible given the minimum required topics are covered in the curriculum.

78.27 - Camp wellness and health staff:

- Camp health services staff that administer medications excluding a RN/physician are required to complete annual Wisconsin DPI [Medication Administration Principles](#) online modules.
- Local ambulance service provider target response time expanded to 30 minutes impacts health services staff qualifications for coverage at all times camp in operation.
- Clarified when rental group is providing health services, the responsibility for recordkeeping stays with rental group regardless length of stay at camp.
- Expanded medication administration recordkeeping options.



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78.29 - Death, injury or illness reports. Camp to report any event where an ambulance responds to camp on a standardized form by the end of the next working day.

78.30 - Playground equipment minimum standards.

78.31 - Petting zoo and other animal education interaction hand hygiene standards.

78.32 - Primitive camping and backcountry trips expanded potable water treatment standards and clarified medication and treatment recordkeeping.