

PC-15 PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

**MANDATORY
(ALL)**

A camp must implement a policy that requires the use of protective headgear by all participants when rock climbing, rappelling, spelunking, and when using high-ropes course elements or a vertical climbing wall/tower.

INTERPRETATION: Considerable sentiment exists in the climbing community that helmets should be worn when rock climbing. At a minimum, the use of helmets in all climbing situations is good training and provides additional protection for participants. A zip line is considered “high ropes,” even if camps have no other high-ropes course elements. This standard is intended to apply to “all participants,” including instructors and activity leaders.

COMPLIANCE DEMONSTRATION: Visitor observation of activities; director/staff explanation of policy’s implementation.



Does not apply if climbing, rappelling, spelunking, and high-ropes or vertical-climbing wall/tower activities are never provided.

Applies to:

- Day camps
- Resident camps
- Short-term resident programs
- User-group programs