

# PLEASE READ

Michigan Public Act No. 389: A new law for skaters and skating centers

## Duties and responsibilities of a roller skating center operator.

- Post the duties for roller skaters and spectators as prescribed in this act and the duties, obligations, and liabilities of operators as prescribed in this act in conspicuous places.
- Comply with the safety standards specified in the roller skating rink safety standards published by the Roller Skating Rink Operators Association, (1980) (see below).
- Maintain roller skating equipment and roller skating surfaces according to the safety standards cited below.
- Maintain the stability and legibility of all required signs, symbols, and posted notices.

### SAFETY STANDARDS FOR ROLLER SKATING FLOOR SUPERVISORS

There will be floorguards on duty whenever the rink is open for sessions.

One floorguard shall be on duty for approximately every 200 skaters.

Floorguards must be identifiable by their attire. The floorguard's duty is to direct and supervise skaters.

- The conduct of skaters will be under the floorguard's supervision.
- When working alone, floorguards will not skate special events with a partner. Relief of the floorguard will be provided by management. He or she must be available to assist skaters and supervise the floor.
- When two floorguards are working, one must be available to assist skaters and supervise the floor.
- Additional skating supervision may be provided by personnel observing the premises on or off skates.
- Watch for foreign objects that may have fallen on the floor.
- Watch skates for bad stops, nails or other protrusions.
- When a skater falls, if necessary, assist the skater off the floor via the nearest exit. If the possibility of injury exists, call manager for assistance.
- A floorguard must use good judgment while being firm and maintaining the respect of the skaters.
- Although floorguards must be informative and courteous, conversations must be limited. If a patron needs to be reprimanded more than once, he or she should be brought to the manager for final disposition.

### SAFETY STANDARDS FOR BUILDING

- Skating surface shall be inspected before each session and kept clean.
- Railing, kickboards and wall surrounding skating surface shall be kept in good condition.
- In rinks with step-up or step-down skating surfaces, the covering on the riser shall be securely fastened.
- Emergency lighting units should be inspected periodically to insure that they are in proper operating condition.
- Exit lights and lights in service areas shall remain on when skating surface lights are turned off during special numbers.
- Fire extinguishers should be inspected at recommended intervals.
- If a burglar alarm system is installed, it should be checked for operation at least once a month.
- Conduct in parking areas shall be regulated by rink personnel.
- When required by applicable law, emergency lighting shall be installed in conformity with that law.
- When required by applicable law, all fire exits shall have panic hardware installed, which shall be in good operating condition, in conformity with that law.

### SAFETY STANDARDS FOR ROLLER SKATING EQUIPMENT

Skate rentals should be checked on a regular basis for good mechanical condition.

### GENERAL

For safety, intoxicating beverages shall not be sold, dispensed or knowingly used in rink premises.