

# **RSA Roller Skating Center Safety Standards**

The following operational standards for skating centers were compiled by the RSA Rink Management Committee and adopted February 7, 1980, amended May 2, 1981 and reviewed April 29, 1992, as an industry standard by vote of the RSA Board of Directors.

## **I. Safety Standards for Roller Skating Floor Supervisors**

- A. There will be floorguards on duty whenever the skating center is open for sessions.
- B. One floorguard shall be on duty for approximately every 200 skaters.
- C. Floorguards must be identifiable by their attire.
- D. The Floorguard's duty is to direct and supervise skaters.
  1. The conduct of skaters will be under floorguard's supervision.
  2. When working alone, floorguards will not skate special events with a partner. He or she must be available to assist skaters at all times. Relief of floorguard will be provided by management.
  3. When two floorguards are working, one must be available to assist skaters and supervise the floor.
  4. Additional skating supervision may be provided by personnel observing the premises on or off skates.
  5. Watch for foreign objects of all kinds that may have fallen on the floor.
  6. Watch skates for bad stops, nails or other protrusions.
  7. When a skater falls, if it is necessary, assist the skater off the floor via the nearest exit. If possibility of serious injury exists, CALL THE MANAGER TO ASSIST.
  8. A floorguard must use good judgement while being firm and maintaining respect of the skaters.
  9. 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.

## **II. Safety Standards for Building**

1. Skating surface shall be inspected before each session and kept clean.
2. Railing, kickboards and wall surrounding skating surface shall be kept in good condition.
3. In rinks with step-up or step-down skating surfaces, the covering on their riser shall be securely fastened.
4. Emergency lighting units should be inspected periodically to insure that they are in proper operating condition.
5. Exit lights and lights in service areas shall remain on when skating surface lights are turned off during special numbers.
6. Fire extinguishers should be inspected at recommended intervals.
7. If a burglar alarm is installed, it should be checked for operation at least once a month.
8. Conduct in parking areas shall be regulated by skating center personnel.
9. When required by applicable law, emergency lighting shall be installed in conformity with that law.
10. 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.

## **III. Safety Standards for Roller Skating Equipment**

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

## **IV. General**

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