

## CHAPTER 24

### ICE-SKATING SAFETY

#### §621. Short title

This chapter is known and may be cited as the "Ice-skating Safety Act." [PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).

#### §622. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

**1. Ice-skating rink.** "Ice-skating rink" means a building, facility or premises that provides an area used for ice-skating.

[PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

**2. Operator.** "Operator" means a private person or entity who owns or controls or who has operational responsibility for an ice-skating rink. An "operator" does not include the State or a political subdivision of the State.

[PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

**3. Skater.** "Skater" means a person in an ice-skating rink for the purpose of skating.

[PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).

#### §623. Duties of operators

An operator shall: [PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

**1. Post duties.** Post in conspicuous places at the ice-skating rink the duties of skaters and inherent dangers of skaters as provided in sections 624 and 625;

[PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

**2. Maintain equipment.** Maintain ice-skating equipment and ice-skating surfaces in a reasonably safe condition; and

[PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

**3. Stability and legibility of notices.** Maintain the stability and legibility of all required signs, symbols and posted notices.

[PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).

#### §624. Duties and conduct of skaters

**1. Ability.** Each skater shall know the range of that skater's ability to travel while on ice skates and shall skate within the limits of that ability.

[PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

**2. Control.** Each skater shall maintain control of the skater's speed and course at all times when skating and be alert and observant as to avoid other skaters, spectators and objects. A skater attempting

to overtake other skaters shall do so in a manner that avoids collision with structures and other skaters in that skater's field of vision.

[PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).

#### **§625. Inherent dangers**

Insofar as the dangers inherent in ice-skating are obvious, by participating in ice-skating, a person accepts those dangers. Those dangers include, but are not limited to, injuries that result from collisions with other skaters, injuries that result from falls and injuries that involve objects or artificial structures properly within the intended travel of the skater that are not otherwise attributable to a breach of the operator's common law duties. [PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).

#### **§626. Violation; liability**

A skater or operator who violates this chapter is liable to an injured person in a civil action for damages resulting from the violation. [PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1991, c. 648 (NEW).

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