

Utah County Health Department (updated 7/15/2013)

Draft Regulation - Commercial Trampoline Gyms

Under any circumstances, jumping on trampolines is not safe. Jumping on trampolines at commercial trampoline gyms carry increased risk of sever injury. Commercial trampoline gyms must comply with the following standards:

1.0 Definitions:

- 1.1 **“Trampoline Court”** shall mean an area comprised of one or more commercial trampolines and any associated foam pits.
- 1.2 **“Trampoline Gym”** shall mean any place of business that operates for the purpose of offering the use of a trampoline court at a price.
- 1.3 **“Commercial Trampoline”** shall mean a devise consisting of a bed of canvas, fabric, or other material attached to a framework by springs, rubber coils, or other elastic material intended for use in a commercial facility.
- 1.4 **“Operator”** shall mean a person who owns, manages, or controls or has the duty to control the operation of a trampoline gym.
- 1.5 **“Serious Injury”** an injury that requires medical attention further than ordinary first-aid and shall include, but shall not be limited to, broken bones, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, paralysis, etc.

2.0 This regulation does not apply to the following:

- 2.1 Any playground operated by a school or local government, if the playground is an incidental amenity and the operating entity is not primarily engaged in providing amusement, pleasure or thrills.
- 2.2 Inflatable rides, inflatable bounce houses, ball crawls, equipment used exclusively for exercise.
- 2.3 Gymnastics facilities where all of the following are applicable:
 - 2.3.1 The majority of activities are gymnastics based.
 - 2.3.2 The facility derives the majority of its revenues through supervised educational instruction classes where the student-to-coach/instructor ratio is based on age, skill level, and number of students.

2.3.3 The facility teaches gymnastics skills and basics through programs that use progressive-oriented training and has supervised classes.

2.3.4 The facility is not open to or available for general use in a loosely-structured manner.

3.0 Notification of risk

3.1 Each operator of a trampoline gym shall educate all participants regarding the potential for serious injury associated with use of the trampoline court in addition to and separate from any waiver of liability forms.

3.2 Each operator shall post signage in conspicuous, well-lighted places at the entrance desk and within the trampoline gym warning users of the risks of using the trampoline court and displaying safety rules. Letters shall be at least 2 inches in height.

4.0 Supervision

4.1 Trampoline Courts shall be monitored at all times by at least one (1) adult, Lead Safety Supervisor.

4.2 Operators shall employ and train other supervisors (recommended one for every 32 patrons) to actively enforce all regulations herein and all rules of the trampoline gym.

4.3 All supervisors shall be trained regarding these regulations, rules of the trampoline gym, first aid, and CPR.

5.0 Reporting of injuries

5.1 Each operator of a trampoline gym within Utah County is required to formally track and report or cause to be reported in writing each quarter to the Utah County Health Department all injuries associated with trampoline court use which results in death or serious injury (as defined above).

5.2 Emergency medical service providers including, but not limited to, fire, police, EMT, ambulance, hospitals, emergency rooms, immediate care or urgent care centers who report to or provide care associated with an accident associated with trampoline court use which results in death or serious injury (as defined above) are required to report the accident to the Utah County Health Department.

6.0 Inspections

- 6.1** Each operator shall allow and facilitate the Utah County Health Department's inspections of their facility to ensure compliance with the regulations found herein.
- 6.2** Each operator shall make available to the Utah County Health Department inspector all maintenance, inspection and injury logs.

7.0 Additional, recommended standards for commercial trampoline gyms:

- 7.1** No child under 6 should be allowed as they are felt to be at increased risk of injury (another option: no child under 7 years to use the trampoline court unless in an assigned area for that age group and there is present and observing the parent or guardian of such child, or a responsible person designated by such parent or guardian or an employee-monitor.)
- 7.2** One person on an individual trampoline at any given time.
- 7.3** No somersaults or flips.
- 7.4** The trampolines should be placed away from other structures.
- 7.5** The trampolines should be at ground level.
- 7.6** Full safety pad coverage.
- 7.7** The trampoline court should be maintained in good repair and inspected every six (6) months by a qualified individual, experienced with trampoline courts – preferably an independent consultant.

8.0 Penalty for violation

Any person who violates any provision of this regulation pertaining to commercial trampoline gyms shall be subject to criminal and civil liability as contained in Utah Code Annotated 26A-1-123.