



NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

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NMRA AT-RISK PERSONS POLICY

The NMRA has developed a policy with regard to persons who are at-risk.

1. Definitions

- a. NMRA shall mean the National Model Railroad Association and its internal organizations, the regions and divisions.
 - b. At-risk persons are those persons under the age of the majority or those persons who have legal guardians.
 - c. Programs are any formal or informal activity by an NMRA entity aimed at at-risk persons.
 - d. Student Membership is a membership category in the NMRA is not a Program.
 - e. A Legal Guardian Designation Affidavit is a document in which the parent or legal guardian:
 - i. States the name of the at-risk person;
 - ii. States the name of the legal guardian or parent;
 - iii. States the parent or legal guardian is designating a person as their legal designee able to make all decisions for the at-risk person;
 - iv. Acknowledges that the legal designee must be physically present with the at-risk person at all times.
 - v. The parent or legal guardian signs the document; and,
 - vi. Has the signature of the person or legal guardian notarized.
 - f. Other organizations shall mean organizations other than the NMRA, its regions or divisions, such as, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts or 4H clubs.
2. The NMRA shall have no programs directed towards at-risk persons.
 3. Student members shall have a parent or legal guardian physically present with them at all NMRA activities at all times.
 4. Persons with legal guardians shall have a legal guardian physically present with them at all NMRA activities at all times.
 5. A parent or legal guardian may designate a person to be physically present at all times and responsible for the at-risk person by means of a Legal Guardian Designation Affidavit.
 6. The parent or legal guardian or designee authorized by means of the Legal Guardian Designation Affidavit who accompanies the at-risk person need not be a member of the NMRA but the person is entitled to and must be physically present with the at-risk person at all times regardless of the fact the person is not an NMRA member.

7. The policy does not prohibit individual NMRA members from participating in programs or activities of other organizations directed at or with exposure to at-risk persons on their own initiative.
8. The policy encourages NMRA regions and divisions to provide material support (e.g. kits, tools, money) to the extent a region or division is able, to other organizations so those other organizations may operate their programs directed to at-risk persons. However, such material support shall not be deemed to be a NMRA program but donations to other organizations only.
9. The policy permits the NMRA to publish requests for volunteers for railroad or model railroad related topics or activities by other organizations directed at or with exposure to at-risk persons. However, those volunteers must be directed to a contact person with the other organization.
10. The NMRA shall not organize or direct or otherwise control persons who volunteer for other organizations.
11. 100% NMRA Clubs are not a part of the NMRA or its regions and divisions. It is an insurance program to support model railroad clubs whose entire membership are NMRA members against personal injury lawsuits, only.

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