

Christian's Law Webpage Information

IMPORTANT: A new section was added in the amended recreational camps for children regulations, 105 CMR 430.000, specifying compliance with Christian's Law (105 CMR 432.000). See - 105 CMR 430.204 - Waterfront Requirements

- Based on Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) c. 111, §127A½, commonly referred to as “Christian’s Law”, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s (Department) has promulgated regulation 105 CMR 432.000: “Minimum Requirements for Personal Flotation Devices for Minor Children at Municipal and Recreational Programs and Camps”.
- The law and regulations only apply to swimming or diving areas at marine or freshwater beaches and explicitly exclude swimming pools, wading pools, and other artificial bodies of water.
- This information is provided to support compliance with the regulation, and associated best practices to assist municipal and recreational programs and camps in implementing provisions of 105 CMR 432.000.
- Below are web links to the law, regulations and associated guidance documents:
 - Christian’s Law (MGL Chapter 111 section 127.5)
 - Christian’s Law Regulation (105 CMR 432.000)
 - 2017 Revised Christian’s Law Guidance Document – Guidance for Implementing Regulation 105 CMR 432.000
 - Christian’s Law Guidance Checklist – Regulation 105 CMR 432.000
 - Swim and Fit Test Model Documentation Form
 - American Red Cross Course: Water Safety (r.09) Instructor
 - YMCA Lifeguard Course AQ711B
- The webpage also includes the 2014 Department and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary “Fit Test” training video, <https://youtu.be/1I3VZf-NqPc>.



