Course Description

Discusses the law and liability as they relate to the delivery of leisure services. Teaches practitioners legal principles necessary to analyze programs and facilities with respect to safety, emergency preparedness, and accident reporting protocols. Review hiring procedures, ADA compliance, national (CPSC, ASTM, OSHA) and professional standards (NRPA, ACA), certification and training standards (CPRP, CTRS), supervision and the role of maintenance and insurance. Uses case law and national compliance standards to illustrate legal principles. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

to give the students a basic background and working knowledge of the law and liability as it pertains to the individual and the field of recreation and parks.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

RPK 100 and ENG 111.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course students will be able to:

- Know what tort liability is and how it is defined by the law.
- Know specific legal cases and how they have affected the practice/profession.
- Know how to develop a risk management plan.
- Know how to write supervision and emergency procedure plans.
- Be able to evaluate park and recreation programs and facilities as to their inherent risk and expected liability.

Major Topics to be Included

a. Liability legislation
b. The law and recreation and parks
c. Case law in liability
d. Risk management plans
e. Evaluation of risk and liability
f. Professional ethics and practices