



Film & Photography Tool Kit Health & Safety Regulations

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The Niagara Parks Commission takes every precaution reasonable to protect the safety of its employees and visitors. As a Permittee, the Niagara Parks Commission is providing you with this Film & Photography Tool Kit for Health & Safety. This tool kit is made for awareness and not training. Should you have any suggestions for input into future publications, please call our Health, Safety and Environment Dept.

The Permittee is required to adhere to all current Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Legislation as well as any prescribed regulations thereof respecting (but not limited to) Occupational Health and Safety Act & Regulations including the *Safety Guidelines for the Film and Television Industry in Ontario*, Fire Code, and Environmental Protection Act & Regulations. Every reasonable precaution shall be taken for the health and safety of the Permittee, NPC employees, spectators and visitors, at every film project.

Depending on the nature of a project and the potential hazards associated with it, the Permittee may be required to have on-site medical, water safety and/or fire personnel and law enforcement, as required or directed by NPC.

Injuries

In the event that a member of a film crew is injured on Park property, the enclosed 'Incident Report' must be completed and presented to the Niagara Parks Police. The NPC Police will forward the report to the Health, Safety and Environment Dept., for our records.

Seasonal Health & Safety Tips

'Icy' Areas

Due to the geographic location of many of our attractions, we traditionally have numerous 'icy' areas throughout the Park, during the winter months. As a result, The Niagara Parks Commission does not service all sidewalks during the winter. Please be particularly aware of the potential 'freezing mist' conditions surrounding the Table Rock Complex, as this is a condition that can change very rapidly. Utilization of any 'icy' areas would be at the risk of the film crew.

Heat Stress

Working in heat puts stress on our body's cooling system, whether its outdoors on hot, humid days or in a hot kitchen or bakery. When the heat is combined with other stresses (i.e. hard physical work, loss of fluids, the surrounding air temperature and movement, humidity, fatigue or medical condition), it may lead to heat-related illnesses, especially when people are not used to the heat.

Cold Stress

Cold stress disorders can occur at any time of the year. Most cases of cold stress develop in air temperatures between -1 and 9 degrees Celsius. When your body temperature drops slightly below normal (36.9 degrees Celsius) to 35.0 degrees Celsius or lower, this loss of body heat is known as “cold stress” or hypothermia.

Cold stress disorders fall into two (2) groups:

1. Mild to moderate effects and localized to body extremities - frost nip, immersion foot from feet being exposed to dampness for a prolonged period of time or immersed in water for a or an extended period of time, or superficial frostbite.
2. Severe frostbite and hypothermia.

Prevention

- Dress properly. Wear layered clothing, waterproof footwear, hats and if possible mittens – they’re warmer than gloves. Stay dry if possible. Wet clothing chills the body rapidly.
- Take frequent breaks in a warmed environment, if possible.
- Drink plenty of fluids. Limit coffee and tea. Avoid alcohol.
- Pace yourself. Cold weather puts an extra strain on the heart.
- Whenever possible, heat the working environment and work with a ‘buddy’ if possible.

Who to Call?

Should you require assistance or have any questions, please feel free to call the following people:

For site selection, permits, etc.:

Sarah Wood

Events & Public Relations Manager

(905) 371-0919

Niagara Parks Police - 24 hrs./day, 7 days/week

(905) 356-1338

For Health & Safety issues:

Laura Waters, Manager, Health, Safety & Environment - (905) 353-5425

Christine Matys-Ballinger, Safety & Environment Specialist - (905) 356-3953

Emergency Care and Hospitals

In an emergency call:

Fire and Ambulance '911,' then call Niagara Parks Police (905-356-1338)

Greater Niagara General Hospital (905) 358-0171
5546 Portage Road
Niagara Falls, ON

Falls Urgent Care Centre (905) 371-1881
6150 Valley Way
Niagara Falls, ON (off Hwy 420, corner of Drummond & Valley Way)
Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Weekends & Holidays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Niagara Falls After Hours Walk-In Clinic (905) 374-3344
6453 Morrison Street
Niagara Falls, ON (between Drummond Road & Dorchester Road)
Monday to Friday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Wednesday 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Weekends and Holidays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Douglas Memorial Hospital (905) 871-6600
230 Bertie Street
Fort Erie, ON

When to go to an Emergency Clinic:

You should go to an Emergency Clinic if you require medical attention that is NOT an emergency, but you feel that it cannot wait for an appointment with a physician. If clinic is closed, proceed immediately to Emergency Dept. at nearest hospital.