

RULE ADOPTIONS

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

(a)

DIVISION ON WOMEN

Notice of Readoption

Standards for Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 3A:57

Authority: N.J.S.A. 9:3A-7.f, 30:14-1 et seq., 37:1-12.1 et seq., and 2C:25-29.2.

Authorized By: Christine Norbut Beyer, M.S.W., Commissioner, Department of Children and Families.

Effective Date: July 7, 2025.

New Expiration Date: July 7, 2032.

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c, the rules at N.J.A.C. 3A:57, Standards for Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence, were scheduled to expire on August 8, 2025.

Through the enactment of the Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence Act (the Act) in 1980, the Legislature directed that support and oversight be provided to the public and private agencies that operate shelters for victims of domestic violence. See N.J.S.A. 30:14-1 et seq. The sources of funding identified by the Act were subsequently supplemented by N.J.S.A. 37:1-12.2, which provides that fees collected for the issuance of marriage and civil union licenses shall be directed toward the establishment and maintenance of shelters for domestic violence.

The rules at N.J.A.C. 3A:57 implement licensing and administrative standards developed pursuant to the Act. Subchapter 1 provides the purpose, scope, and applicability of the chapter. Subchapter 2 sets forth standards for shelters for victims of domestic violence that address: client access, shelter sites, staff, shelter services, education advocacy, release of minors, confidentiality, nondiscrimination, and house rules. Subchapter 3 establishes standards for the collection and use of marriage license and civil union fees and civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 37:1-12.2. Subchapter 3 addresses recipients of revenue, delegation of responsibility to the Department, the subchapter's purpose and scope, the funding priorities for marriage license fees and for the Domestic Violence Victims' Fund, and program fiscal responsibility.

The Department of Children and Families has reviewed the rules at N.J.A.C. 3A:57 and found them to be necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purposes for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), these rules are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

(b)

DIVISION OF CODES AND STANDARDS

Uniform Construction Code

Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 5:23-4D.3

Proposed: January 21, 2025, at 57 N.J.R. 109(a).

Adopted: June 30, 2025, by Jacquelyn A. Suárez, Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs.

Filed: June 30, 2025, as R.2025 d.090, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq.

Effective Date: August 4, 2025.

Expiration Date: February 9, 2029.

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

Comments were received from Mitchell Malec, a retired former employee of the Department of Community Affairs (Department).

1. COMMENT: The commenter notes that the Department did not provide free read-only access to ANSI A119.5-2020 and recommended that it provide such.

RESPONSE: The Department does not have the authority to distribute free copies of this referenced standard; the links available for other codes on the Department's website are provided by the publisher or publishing organization.

2. COMMENT: The commenter asked by what date the manufacturer's certification must indicate compliance with ANSI A119.5-2020. The commenter further questioned whether certification can be from a third-party agency in lieu of the manufacturer.

RESPONSE: Upon the effective date of these amendments, there will be a six-month grace period pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-1.6. After that date, the certification must indicate that the recreational park trailer has been manufactured in compliance with ANSI A119.5-2020, as adopted at N.J.A.C. 5:23-4D. Certification must be made by the RV Industry Association (RVIA) or other recognized agency.

3. COMMENT: The commenter asked what agencies are currently approved for certification of recreational park trailers.

RESPONSE: The Recreational Park Trailer Industry Association merged with RVIA; RVIA is the only agency that certifies recreational park trailers.

4. COMMENT: The commenter asked whether recreational park trailers already built in compliance with ANSI A119.5-2020 are acceptable at this time or if variations need to be granted prior to adoption of these regulations. The commenter recommended that the Department provide guidance to clarify the timing of compliance requirements.

RESPONSE: Recreational park trailers labeled by the RVIA that meet ANSI A119.5-2020 would be accepted in the State, if necessary, by variation. The Department respectfully disagrees that guidance is necessary; the industry has been operating without confusion while this rulemaking has been underway.

5. COMMENT: The commenter asked whether existing recreational park trailers can be upgraded or modified to meet the specifications set forth in the 2020 edition without a new certification being issued. Specifically, could an existing recreational park trailer increase the non-permanent propane capacity to four DOT cylinders, add a wall bed, or decrease the vent termination to one inch, all of which are included in ANSI A119.5-2020?

RESPONSE: Recreational park trailers certified prior to the end of the six-month grace period to the 2020 edition would be approved to be installed as-is with no need for modifications. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-4D.3(b), alterations of existing recreational park trailers must comply with N.J.A.C. 5:23-4D. Upon the effective date of this rulemaking, any existing recreational park trailers could be modified to meet the requirements at ANSI A119.5-2020.

6. COMMENT: The commenter asked whether existing recreational park trailers can be relocated without making upgrades to comply with the ANSI A119.5-2020 requirements. The commenter sought confirmation that no retrofit requirements are necessary.

RESPONSE: Recreational park trailers are generally used in a manner wherein they are installed on site and remain in place for several years. Relocation of these trailers is not common. Regardless, N.J.A.C. 5:23-4D is not a retrofit requirement, but any voluntary alteration, repair, or increase in size in the recreational park trailer would be subject to N.J.A.C. 5:23-4D.3.

7. COMMENT: The commenter posed a series of questions regarding the ANSI A119.5-2020 amendment that reduces the roof extension of vent terminations from two inches to one inch above the roof. First, the commenter asked for confirmation that the change requires the vent pipe to pass through the roof and terminate vertically, undiminished in size, not less than one inch above the roof. The commenter requests the Department provide justification for adopting this change and notes that the plumbing