

MEDICAL CONSENT

In these days of lawsuits, medical consent forms are a necessity for every outing. The basic idea of the form is that it gives parental authorization for a doctor to treat a minor. It also provides information on where the parents and family doctor can be located.

The consent form provides protection for the doctor, the child, and the Club director.

1. The Doctor - a doctor who would give medical assistance to a child without the parents' knowledge, would take a tremendous risk. If the results are serious or even fatal, the parents may sue. A signed consent form may be enough to persuade a doctor that the parents are unlikely to sue. (Many young people have been given medical aid at a remote hospital or office after the leader produced a consent form. Other times the form has not helped at all).

2. The Child - leaders who take a child on an outing have an obligation to provide the best medical care. Not having a form could severely reduce that chance.

3. The Director - if a child is injured and unable to get proper medical care because the director did not bother to require medical consent forms, that director could certainly be a target for a liability suit.

Note:

Medical consent forms may be dated in such a way that they are suitable for the whole year. This has the obvious advantage of saving a lot of work in collecting new forms for each outing. There are two disadvantages to year-long consent forms. First, a form signed several months ago will not be as impressive to a doctor as one signed yesterday. Secondly, the form won't have current information on the location of the parents. They may be out of town the weekend of the particular outing on which their child is injured. Use your judgment.

MEDICAL CONSENT FORM

(This form must be notarized)

Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____ Sex _____

Cell Phone # _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Medical insurance _____ Policy # _____

Father's Name _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Office Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Medical insurance _____ Policy # _____

Mother's Name _____ Home Phone Cell _____

Cell Phone _____ Office Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Medical insurance _____ Policy # _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

Weight _____ Height _____ Last Tetanus shot _____

Food allergies _____

Medication allergies _____

Medications receiving now _____

Medical history (i.e., recent surgery, diabetic, chronic illness) _____

Person to notify in case of accident or illness if parents are not available

Name _____ Phone # _____

Relationship to child: _____

I, _____, (parent/guardian) give the following emergency medical treatment consent for the above-named child. Effective from date of _____ to _____.

(One of the types of treatment must be marked.)

_____ Emergency Surgery _____ Both of the these
_____ First Aid _____ None of the above

ALL MEDICAL CONSENTS MUST BE NOTARIZED

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Subscribed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____

By _____, who is personally known to me or who has produced identification.

(Notarial Seal) Notary _____ Public signature, State of Florida