

DRESSING ROOM POLICY

The Risk and Safety Directors of the ODHA have stressed the need for supervision of dressing rooms while players are in attendance before, during and after games or practices. Due to the recent increase of player injuries in the dressing room while changing, the ODHA has adopted the following policy to be followed by all Coaching staff during the hockey season.

Team Officials are responsible for the safety and welfare of their players at ALL times during any sanctioned events, this definitely includes while players are changing in the dressing rooms both prior to and after on-ice activities. ODHA covers this repeatedly in all of our clinics, and specifically discuss it in Speak Out, given that supervision is the single most effective method of prevention when it comes to conduct based issues.

It is stressed to every volunteer to practice the “two-deep” method of supervision, that is, having at least 2 adults (who have taken Speak Out) providing supervision at all times during our events. This not only protects the players, but also the Team Officials.

District One has adopted this policy and will adhere to it for the 2008-2009 hockey season. If an incident occurs and proper supervision was not provided, the District will not stand behind the Team Officials if a disciplinary hearing is called. The District One Associations will be in charge of monitoring their teams and Team Officials to ensure this policy is being upheld.