

# Safety in Fitness Rooms

Also consult the [Fitness Activities](#) activity page in the Curricular setting.

## To Qualify to Use the Fitness Room

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- Athletes must be instructed in proper fitness and weight-training techniques and safety procedures, either in physical education class or a training session developed by staff with expertise. This should be reviewed as needed.
- Athletes must be made aware of inherent risks specific to fitness centre activities.
- Athletes and parents need to sign a consent form prior to athlete's use of weight/fitness rooms (consult the [Sample Interschool Parent/Guardian Letter](#) and [Sample Interschool Medical Information and Consent to Participate Form](#), and the [Sample Intramural Parent/Guardian Letter](#) and [Sample Intramural Medical Information and Consent to Participate Form](#)).
- Athletes must have an identifiable pass/tag to enter fitness room and sign in and out of area.
- Only athletes training are allowed in the room. No spectators.

## Supervision

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- For *elementary activities*, the supervising coach/intramural supervisor must be on-site.
- For *secondary activities* the supervising coach/intramural supervisor must be in the area.
- Fitness rooms require an on-site monitor. Monitors may be educational assistants, retired teachers, parents, co-op students, teacher candidates or trained senior students.
- Duties of the coach/intramural supervisor include:
  - checking the pass/tag of all students who enter fitness room;
  - opening and locking the fitness room using procedure established by the school;
  - determining that students are following posted rules and procedures;
  - establishing a procedure to regularly disinfect equipment; and
  - making sure the room is left in proper order.

## Rules of Use

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- The minimum number of students using the fitness room at any given time is two.
- Suitable clothing and footwear must be worn.
- Jewelry is not allowed in the fitness room.
- Procedures must be established so that the facility and equipment are inspected by a teacher/coach on a daily basis.
- A process must be in place so that equipment needing repair is identified, removed from use and repaired.
- Any violation of rules may result in some form of sanction being applied (for example, suspension or loss of pass/tag, closure of fitness room).
- A process must be in place where fitness equipment is disinfected on a regular basis (consult with your school board's facilities services for appropriate/approved cleaning products).