

ANR Cooperative Extension Risk Assessment Best Practices

4-H – Events

1. Have staff with medical training at large/overnight events (e.g., nurses, EMTs)
2. Provide food safety training
3. Ensure appropriate adult/youth ratio for supervision during events
4. Evaluate current events in terms of new criteria for the 4-H YDP mission and direction statement
5. Implement a risk assessment process as part of the 4-H Mission and Direction roll-out
6. Have safety guidelines in 4-H policy manual, accessible on the Web and in hard copy
7. Do not allow minors to clean up after events serving alcohol
8. Only sponsor events/activities in which the safety risks can be adequately addressed
9. Communicate regularly that “safety is our first concern”
10. Provide more opportunities to staff and volunteers for basic first aid training and other safety training
11. Create template materials that counties can use in educating about safety
12. Create standardized materials to use with event partners regarding 4-H’s safety practices/policies
13. Develop feedback/evaluation process for events to assess safety practices and areas for improvement
14. Evaluate 4-H events not only for educational impact, but also to determine what message is being sent to the public about the 4-H program