

## **New Jersey Adopts Flame Resistance Standards for Tents and Sleeping Bags**

On April 1, 2008, the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs adopted new rules pertaining to the flame resistance of tents and sleeping bags. The new rules under New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 13, Chapter 45A, Subchapter 24A, (N.J.A.C. 13:45A-24A), state the following:

- A tent that at least meets the flammability standards for tents of the Industrial Fabric Association International CPAI-84 (1995 edition), including any subsequent revisions, incorporated in this rule by reference, shall be classified as flame resistant; and
- A sleeping bag that at least meets the flammability standards for sleeping bags of the Industrial Fabric Association International CPAI-75 (1976 edition), including any subsequent revisions, incorporated in this rule by reference, shall be classified as being flame resistant.

"Sleeping bag" means a bag providing warmth and insulation that may be lined or padded and is normally designed for sleeping outdoors or in a camp or tent.

"Tent" means a collapsible shelter, for one or more persons, of canvas or other material, either natural or synthetic or any combination thereof, stretched and sustained by poles or rope and intended for recreational camping outdoors.

The adopted new rules are not subject to any federal standards or requirements. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has not adopted flammability standards for either tents or sleeping bags.

Since May 5, 2008 these rules are in effect.