



Updated Door County YMCA Facility Age Guidelines

Creating a Safer YMCA for Every Child

The safety and well-being of every child is our highest priority.

As part of **YMCA of the USA's commitment to child protection**, all YMCAs are implementing enhanced youth supervision standards that align with **Praesidium Accreditation**, the nation's leader in abuse prevention and organizational safety. These updated Facility Age Guidelines are a **Y-USA requirement** and reflect nationally recognized best practices designed to provide a safe, welcoming, and positive experience for every child, member, and guest.

Effective Monday, August 31, 2026

Sturgeon Bay Program Center

General Facility Use

- **Children under the age of 10 who are not participating in a YMCA program must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult (16+) at all times while in the facility, including weekends.**

Ages 10 & Older

- Children ages **10 and older** may use the YMCA independently.

Ages 8-10

- Children ages **8-10** may wait in **The Underground** until their scheduled program begins or remain there until The Underground closes.

Ages 7 & Under

Children ages **7 and under** who are waiting for a scheduled program beginning at **3:45 PM or later**:

- Must remain with a parent or guardian, **or**
- May stay in **The Underground** for **up to 20 minutes** without a parent or guardian while waiting for their program to begin, **or**
- Be enrolled in licensed care through the **Youth Activity Center (YAC)** or another YMCA program.

Jackie & Steve Kane Program Center

General Facility Use

- **Children under the age of 10 who are not participating in a YMCA program must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult (16+) at all times while in the facility, including weekends.**

Ages 10 & Older

- Children ages **10 and older** may use the YMCA independently.

Ages 5-9

- Children ages **5-9** who are waiting for a scheduled program beginning at **3:45 PM or later** should remain in the **Social Lounge** until their program begins or until they are picked up by a parent or guardian.

Our Commitment to Child Safety

These updated guidelines help ensure appropriate supervision while creating a safe, welcoming, and positive environment for every child and family who visits the Door County YMCA.

We appreciate your understanding and partnership as we implement these YMCA of the USA standards and continue our work toward Praesidium Accreditation. Together, we are building a stronger culture of safety for all.

If you have questions about these updated Facility Age Guidelines, please stop by the Member Services Desk or contact us. Our staff is happy to help.