

**ROLLER SKATING SAFETY ACT OF 1988**  
**Act 389 of 1988**

AN ACT to prescribe the duties and liabilities of roller skating center operators and persons who utilize roller skating centers; and to provide for the acceptance of certain risks by persons who utilize roller skating centers.

**History:** 1988, Act 389, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**445.1721 Short title.**

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “roller skating safety act of 1988”.

**History:** 1988, Act 389, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

**445.1722 Definitions.**

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

- (a) “Emergency personnel” means police, fire, or other appropriate emergency medical personnel.
- (b) “Operator” means a person or entity who owns or controls or who has operational responsibility for a roller skating center.
- (c) “Roller skater” means a person wearing roller skates while that person is in a roller skating center for the purpose of roller skating.
- (d) “Roller skating center” means a building, facility, or premises which provides an area specifically designed to be used for roller skating by the public.
- (e) “Spectator” means a person who is present in a roller skating center only for the purpose of observing skating activity, whether recreational or competitive.

**History:** 1988, Act 389, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

**445.1723 Duties of roller skating center operator.**

Sec. 3. Each roller skating center operator shall do all of the following:

- (a) Post the duties of roller skaters and spectators as prescribed in this act and the duties, obligations, and liabilities of operators as prescribed in this act in conspicuous places.
- (b) Comply with the safety standards specified in the roller skating rink safety standards published by the roller skating rink operators association, (1980).
- (c) Maintain roller skating equipment and roller skating surfaces according to the safety standards cited in subdivision (b).
- (d) Maintain the stability and legibility of all required signs, symbols, and posted notices.

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**445.1724 Duties of roller skater.**

Sec. 4. While in a roller skating area, each roller skater shall do all of the following:

- (a) Maintain reasonable control of his or her speed and course at all times.
- (b) Read all posted signs and warnings.
- (c) Maintain a proper lookout to avoid other roller skaters and objects.
- (d) Accept the responsibility for knowing the range of his or her own ability to negotiate the intended direction of travel while on roller skates and to skate within the limits of that ability.
- (e) Refrain from acting in a manner which may cause injury to others.

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**445.1725 Acceptance of dangers inherent in roller skating.**

Sec. 5. Each person who participates in roller skating accepts the danger that inheres in that activity insofar as the dangers are obvious and necessary. Those dangers include, but are not limited to, injuries that result from collisions with other roller skaters or other spectators, injuries that result from falls, and injuries which involve objects or artificial structures properly within the intended travel of the roller skater which are not otherwise attributable to the operator’s breach of his or her common law duties.

**History:** 1988, Act 389, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

**445.1726 Violation; civil action for damages.**

Sec. 6. A roller skater, spectator, or operator who violates this act shall be liable in a civil action for damages for that portion of the loss or damage resulting from the violation.

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