

2023 Kansas Statutes

32-1128. Water skis and surfboards; requirements. (a) No person shall operate a vessel on any waters of this state towing a person or persons on water skis, a surfboard, or similar device, nor shall any person engage in water skiing, surfboarding, or similar activity at any time between the hours from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to a performer engaged in a professional exhibition or a person or persons engaged in an activity authorized under K.S.A. 32-1149, and amendments thereto.

(c) No person shall operate or manipulate any vessel, tow rope or other device by which the direction or location of water skis, a surfboard, or similar device may be affected or controlled in such a way as to cause the water skis, surfboard, or similar device, or any person thereon to collide with or strike against any object or person.

(d) No person shall operate a motorboat on any waters of this state for towing a person or persons on water skis, a surfboard, or similar device, unless the boat is equipped with a wide angle rear view mirror properly placed to provide a maximum vision of the person or persons being towed, or there is an observer in the boat in addition to the operator. The observer must be a responsible person of at least 12 years of age.

(e) The operator or observer shall observe the person or persons being towed and shall display a flag immediately after the towed person or persons enter into the water and during the time preparatory to towing or retrieving while the person or persons are still in the water. Such flag shall be a bright or brilliant orange or red color, measuring not less than 12 inches per side, mounted on a handle and displayed as to be visible from all directions. It shall be unlawful to display such flag except under the conditions listed in this subsection.

History: L. 1959, ch. 321, § 13; L. 1961, ch. 471, § 6; L. 2006, ch. 85, § 6; January 1, 2007.