

Important Safety Message to All MYH Parents

This is an important message to all Malden Youth Hockey families regarding the safety and security of our kids. It has been reported to Everett Police and Rink management a man loitering in and around the bathroom and lobby areas of the Everett Rink. Officials of Marblehead Youth hockey reported these incidents. As parents, it is most important that we are diligent in ensuring a safe environment at **all** of the facilities where we both practice and compete.

Important Safety Procedures to be followed:

- Do not allow your child to get changed in the lobby. The lobbies are public places, often surrounded by glass, and are inappropriate places for changing.
- All players should be getting dressed with their team in designated locker rooms under the supervision of his/her coach.
- Players should not be going to the public restroom in the rink alone. This is where the man was first observed.
- In rinks such as Everett and Lynn, coaches will get the keys to the locker rooms and it is expected that the kids will change into their equipment in these rooms.
- If you arrive before a locker room is made available or before a coach arrives, it is best to wait.
- Be aware of siblings who come with us to the rinks. No child should be unattended in these rinks (lobby areas, bathrooms, locker rooms, etc).
- Players should not be dropped off at the doors and picked up after practices or games. At a minimum, a parent should ensure the child safely gets to the locker room where his/her teammates, coaches, and other parents will be.
- If you see anything suspicious at any rink, please report this immediately to rink management, coaches, or possibly the local police after consulting with management and your coach unless it is an emergency situation.
- Emphasize these rules to your children.

Best regards,

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