

STANDARD (NON-EMERGENCY) RULE

Rules Regarding Slacklining and Permitting Slacklining Only in Designated Locations

1. Slacklining is defined as a recreational activity or sport that involves participants balancing on a strip of webbing that is fixed above the ground between two trees. This Rule is intended to allow for beginner and general recreational slackline users. This does not accommodate potential needs of extreme or elite slackline users.
2. No person shall attach to or install on any tree growing within or upon any city-owned or controlled property, including public rights-of-way, any material to the natural structure of the tree except as set forth in Section 6-6-6(c), "Protection of Tree and Plants," B.R.C. or for the purpose of slacklining as set forth in this Rule.
3. Slacklining is permitted in designated locations within some city-owned or controlled property. The designated locations are subject to change by the City Manager in its sole discretion and will be conspicuously posted and marked. In addition, a list of designated locations will be available for viewing on the city website.
4. Slacklining is only permitted during designated park hours. If hours are not designated, then it shall only be permitted from sun-up to sun-down.
5. Slacklining participants must comply with all city ordinances and departmental policies including the Parks & Recreation Department's special event policy and commercial use permit if applicable.
6. Participants and spectators assume any and all risk associated with this activity. For participants, the risks include but are not limited to, death, paralysis, and serious injury. Participants and spectators shall follow the conditions in this Rule and use appropriate safety equipment and practices. Spotters are strongly recommended.
7. All slacklines may be affixed on a temporary basis while in use and slack lines must be removed when not in use. The owner of the slacklining equipment is responsible for setting up and taking down the equipment and may not leave equipment unattended. Unattended slacklining equipment will be considered abandoned property and disposed of in accordance with city procedures for abandoned property.
8. Slacklines may only be affixed to trees in the manner set forth below:
 - A. Only trees approved by the City Forester may be used as anchor posts within Boulder parks.

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- B. To protect the bark on the trees, tree protection material must be placed between the tree and the line that is fixed to the tree. Material must be at least ¼” inch thick such as carpet squares, foam padding or similar material. At no time should any cabling, wires or lines be in direct contact with the bark of the tree.
 - C. The slackline may not be elevated to a height of more than four feet at the center of the span when the user is on the line and weighting it. A clear landing surface must be present under the slackline.
 - D. The slackline may not obstruct the intended uses of the park, sidewalks, buildings, roads, streets, playgrounds, bikeways, water features, sport courts, bike racks, handrails, art objects, fences or light poles.
 - E. When the slackline length exceeds 50 feet, visible safety tags or flags must be used to alert park users that the line is in place.
 - F. Trees and/or landscaped areas showing damage from slacklining activities may be restricted from future slacklining activities at the discretion of the City Manager.
 - G. Slacklines may only be attached to approved trees and may not be affixed to any other infrastructure including but not limited to buildings, bike racks, handrails, art objects, fences or light poles.
9. Activities such as stunts or tricks involving flips are not permitted.
10. To the extent only of any conflict, this Rule supersedes any conflicting rules or parts of rules, including without limitation, Section 6-6-6(c), “Protection of Tree and Plants,” B.R.C.