

111—1.4 (216B) Definitions. The following definitions apply to the rules of the department for the blind:

“*Blind*” or “*blindness*,” except as applicable to the business enterprises program, refers to the condition of an individual who meets one or more of the following criteria: (1) vision not more than 20/200 central visual acuity in the better eye, with ordinary corrective lenses, or a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends to an angular distance of not greater than 20 degrees; (2) a combination of loss of visual acuity and loss of visual field which imposes an employment handicap which is substantially that of a blind person; (3) medical prognosis indicating a progressive loss of sight which will terminate in the condition described in criteria one; or (4) a visual impairment which by agreement of the division of vocational rehabilitation services of the Iowa department of education and the department is such that the individual can be best served by the department.

“*Commission*” means the three-member statutory commission for the blind.

“*Dangerous weapon*” means any instrument or device designed primarily for use in inflicting death or injury upon a human being or animal, and which is capable of inflicting death upon a human being when used in the manner for which it was designed. Additionally, any instrument or device of any sort whatsoever which is actually used in such a manner as to indicate that the person possessing the instrument or device intends to inflict death or serious injury upon the other, and which, when so used, is capable of inflicting death upon a human being, is a dangerous weapon. Dangerous weapons include, but are not limited to, any offensive weapon as defined in Iowa Code section 724.1, pistol, revolver, or other firearm, dagger, razor, stiletto, switchblade knife, or knife having a blade exceeding five inches in length.

“*Department*” means the department for the blind. The department is the state licensing agency for vending facilities under the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

“*Director*” means the director of the department for the blind.

“*Division*” means one of the principal subunits of the department for the blind.

“*Extreme medical risk*” means a risk of substantially increasing functional impairment or risk of death if medical services are not expeditiously provided.

“*Facilities*” means the premises at 524 Fourth Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and any other space occupied by the department for the blind.

“*Program administrator*” means the chief of each of the divisions of the department for the blind.

“*Public*” means a person who is not employed by the state of Iowa.

“*Staff*” means individuals employed by the department for the blind.

“*State*” means the state of Iowa.