

SWIMMING POOL EVALUATION GUIDE

References:

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A. Requirements:

1. Is there a rescue pole, shepherd crook, and life rings attached to throw ropes capable of reaching past the center of the pool? (Yes No)
2. Is a phone with emergency response phone number provided at the pool or two-way radios? (Yes No)
3. Are qualified personnel responsible for pool-water care, chlorination, water clarity, and operation of the filter system? (Yes No)
4. Are floors, decks, and walls around pools and bath facilities kept free of slip hazards? (Yes No)
5. Are pool regulations posted concerning swimmer sanitation and safety? (Yes No)
6. Are fences and gates at least 6 ft. high? (Yes No)
7. Are hot-water showers limited to a maximum temperature of 100F? (Yes No)
8. Are variations in pool depth of 1 foot marked on the pool deck or walls/fence adjacent to pool? (Yes No)
9. Is there a budyline separating the diving well or deep end from the rest of the pool? (Yes No)
10. Are ladders with non-slip stems and hand rails provided at shallow end and at each side of deep end? (Yes No)

11. Are lifeguards certified in life saving and rescue techniques? (Yes No)
12. Is minimum first aid equipment available (i.e., stretchers, blankets, first aid kit, drinking water, first aid cot, pillow, splints, backboard)? (Yes No)
13. Are electrical fixtures suitable for days locations? (Yes No)
14. Are ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI's) installed on the electrical power circuits that serve the pool and on other circuits serving wet areas? (Yes No)
15. Are only approved U.S. Coast Guard personal flotation devices allowed in the pool? (Yes No)
16. Main Drains:
 - a. Can a 4 inch black or white disc on the bottom of the deepest part of the pool be clearly seen? (Yes No)
 - b. If the disc can not be clearly seen is the pool closed until the water is clear? (Yes No)
 - c. Are drain covers in place and not cracked or missing? (Yes No)
 - d. Is the drain cover opening in the grating no larger than 0.5 inches? (Yes No)
17. Lifeguards:
 - a. Is one certified staff member present for up to 50 bathers? (Yes No)
 - b. Is a minimum of 2 certified staff members on duty at the pool perimeter during operations? (Yes No)

- c. For pools with surface area 5,000 ft. or greater, is one staff member stationed at each of the nonswimmers' zone, swimmers' zone, diving zone, and at the perimeter of the pool? (Yes No)
18. Diving Boards:
- a. Is the minimum water depth beneath the end of diving boards at least 9 ft. for ½ meter spring boards, 10 ft. for 1 meter spring boards, and at least 12 ft. for three meter spring boards? (Yes No)
 - b. Is there at least 12 ft. between the centerline of the diving boards and the side of the pool? (Yes No)
19. Is water depth 5 ft. or greater for water slides? (Yes No)
20. Chlorine Gas Room
- a. Is emergency breathing apparatus properly maintained? (Yes No)
 - b. Is the breathing apparatus readily accessible outside the chlorine gas room? (Yes No)
21. Inspections:
- a. Is a pre-season inspection made within 48 Hours before the pool opening date? (Yes No)
 - b. Is a post-season inspection made within 15 days after the pool closing date? (Yes No)
 - c. Are both inspections conducted jointly by public works, works, medical, safety, health and recreational services? (Yes No)

B. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Is the cut-off switch for the pumps accessible in the event of an emergency? (Yes No)

2. Chlorine Gas Room:
 - a. Is a chlorine gas alarm bell installed in the chlorine equipment room? (Yes No)
 - b. Is a suitable warning sign posted to alert staff and patrons on activation of chlorine gas detection unit? (Yes No)
 - c. Is there one observation window for viewing the interior of the chlorine gas room from the outside? (Yes No)
 - d. Are chlorine-equipment rooms posted "Authorized Personnel Only" and locked to prevent Unauthorized entry? (Yes No)
3. Do wading pools have a fence at least 4ft high with a gate? (Yes No)
4. Are swimming lane markings on the bottom of the pool? (Yes No)
5. Is the main drain clearly marked by painting the grate a conspicuous color or by laying colored tile around the drain perimeter? (Yes No)
6. Do lifeguards work no more the 50 minutes of each hour prior to taking a 10 min. break? (Yes No)
7. Are lifeguard stands provided for every 200 feet of designated waterfront? (Yes No)
8. Training Plans:
 - a. Prior to swim season, have plans for emergency Situations been formulated to include Communications and transportation for quick response? (Yes No)
 - b. Are plans practiced prior to swim season? (Yes No)