

## Public Pool Signs

### User sanitation and safety

A sign incorporating the requirements below must be posted in the pool enclosure and in the dressing room(s). Lettering must be clear, legible, and at least one-fourth inch high.

- No person with or suspected of having a communicable disease which could be transmitted through use of the pool shall work at or use any public pool.
- A person with any considerable area of exposed subepidermal tissue, open blisters, or cuts must be warned that these may become infected and advised not to use the public pool.
- Any person using a public pool must take a cleansing shower using warm water and soap and thoroughly rinse off all soap before entering the pool enclosure. A user leaving the pool to use the toilet must take a second cleansing shower before returning to the pool enclosure. A person who exercises, applies lotion, or uses a sauna or steam room must shower before using the pool.
- Spitting, spouting water from the mouth, and blowing the nose in the pool is prohibited.
- No running or boisterous or rough play, except supervised water sports, is permitted in the pool, in dressing rooms or shower rooms, on runways, on the diving board, or platforms.
- Glassware and similar material with a tendency to shatter on impact is not allowed in the pool enclosure area.

- Diving is not permitted except in areas that comply with part 4717.3750.
- Domestic animals are not permitted in the pool enclosure, showers, or dressing rooms.

### Pool capacity

A sign stating the capacity for the pool must be posted in the pool enclosure.

### No lifeguard warning

When a lifeguard is not on duty at an open public pool, a sign with the requirements below must be displayed.

- “Warning – No lifeguard on duty” Lettering must be at least four inches high.
- “Children must not use the pool without an adult in attendance” Lettering must be at least one inch high.

### Lifesaving equipment

Lifesaving equipment must be marked “For emergency use only”.

### Spa pools

In addition to user sanitation and safety, pool capacity, and no lifeguard warning, a sign with these warnings must be posted.

- Pregnant women, small children, or persons with heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or low blood pressure should not enter the spa except under advice of a physician.
- Avoid use while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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- Exposure may result in nausea, dizziness, or fainting. Observe a reasonable time limit.

### Drop slides

A sign with these warnings must be located at the entrance to each drop slide.

- One rider at a time. Wait until the landing area is clear before entering the slide.
- Slide in a sitting position or on the back only.
- Do not attempt to stop on the slide.
- Leave plunge area immediately.
- WARNING: Water depth is ..... feet.
- Non-swimmers are not permitted. *(If landing area water depth is over five feet.)*

### Flume slides

A sign with these warnings must be located at the entrance to each flume slide.

- Do not use this slide while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Follow the instructions of the flume attendant.
- No running, standing, kneeling, rotating, tumbling, or stopping in the flume.
- Only one person at a time.
- Keep your hands inside the flume.
- No diving from the flume.
- Leave the flume pool promptly after entering.

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