



Fact Sheet

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SIGNS REQUIRED FOR ALL POOLS

- A. When a lifeguard is not on duty at a public pool open for use, a warning sign must be placed in plain view. The sign shall state in clear, legible letters, at least 4 inches high: “WARNING – NO LIFE GUARD ON DUTY.” The sign must also state in clear legible letters, at least 1 inch high: “CHILDREN SHALL NOT USE POOL WITHOUT AN ADULT IN ATTENDANCE”.
- B. The pool capacity must be posted in the pool enclosure area.
- C. Instructions regarding emergency calls must be prominently posted.
- D. Lifesaving equipment must be mounted in a conspicuous location and be plainly marked “For emergency use only.”
- E. Placards and pictorial representations, where appropriate, embodying the requirements in this part must be posted in plain view in the pool room or enclosure and in the dressing rooms of all public pools. Lettering must be clear, legible, and at least ¼-inch high.
 - 1) 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.
 - 2) A person with any considerable area of exposed subepidermal tissue, open blisters, or cuts must be warned that these may become infected and should be advised not to use the public pool.
 - 3) 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.
 - 4) Spitting, spouting water from the mouth, and blowing the nose in the pool is prohibited.
 - 5) 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.
 - 6) Glassware and similar material with a tendency to shatter on impact is not allowed in the pool enclosure area.
 - 7) Diving is not permitted except in areas that comply with Minnesota Rules, part 4717.6750.
 - 8) Domestic animals are not permitted in the pool enclosure, showers, or dressing rooms.

SIGNS REQUIRED FOR ALL SPA/HOT TUB POOLS

- A. 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.
- B. Avoid use while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- C. Exposure may result in nausea, dizziness, or fainting. Observe a reasonable time limit.

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