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Admission Standards for Public Pools

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care strongly supports these recommendations & requirements for the purposes of preventing injuries and fatalities.

- Children under the age of 10 years (7 – 10 years) who are non/weak-swimmers “(unable to demonstrate comfortably/continuously swimming 2 widths of the MSC pool)” must be accompanied in the water by a parent or guardian who is at least 16 years of age and responsible for their direct supervision (within arms reach). The ratio of non/weak-swimmers to parent or guardian may be a maximum of 2 bathers to one parent or guardian (2:1). The ratio of non/weak-swimmers to parents or guardian may be increased to a maximum of 4 bathers to one parent or guardian (4:1) if lifejackets are worn by all non/weak-swimmers in their charge.
- Children under the age of 10 (but over the age of 7 & over 48 inches tall) who are swimmers (able to demonstrate comfort in the water and pass the facility swim test) may be admitted to the swimming pool unaccompanied.
- Children under the age of 7 years or under 48 inches tall (regardless of swimming ability) may not be admitted to the swimming pool unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian in the water who is responsible for their direct supervision, with a maximum of two children for each parent or guardian.
- Special needs individuals must be accompanied by an adult/guardian.
- Guardians or group leaders are responsible for the children in their care while in the facility and must directly supervise the children at all times.
- Guardians or group leaders should be at least 16 years of age.
- Children must be able to pass the facility swim test in order to swim in the deep end.

***Facility Swim Test = demonstrate comfortably /continuously swimming 2 widths of MSC Pool**

***Direct Supervision = within arms reach**

*** Non/weak swimmer = inability to demonstrate comfortably/continuously swimming 2 widths of MSC pool.**

*** Adult/guardian = 16 years of age/older**

Swimming Pool Rules

1. Admission standards must be followed for your child's safety – parents must be **in the water within arms reach** at all times as per full admission standard.
2. Only Canadian Government (DOT) approved lifejackets or PFDs are permitted – **no water wings, puddle jumpers or other non-approved floatation devices** as they are not reliable and are unsafe for your child.
3. **No enclosed face masks** – masks can fill with water so can create an unsafe situation for your child.
4. Patrons with **medical conditions** are asked to **notify** the lifeguard.
5. In order to use the deep end you must be a good swimmer able to **pass the swim test**.
6. The **swim test** consists of comfortably & continuously swimming two widths of the pool, maintaining a horizontal body position, arms out of the water, able to open eyes under the water.
7. **No diapers** in the pool – please use “Lil swimmers” or swim pants.
8. No persons with open sores or communicable diseases shall be permitted in the pool. If you have been ill with intestinal illness please avoid swimming.
9. Please shower before entering the water.
10. **No Diving** in the shallow end.
11. **No horseplay**.
12. Please obey the lifeguard.