



## Environmental Health Services

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### SWIMMING POOL SIGNAGE

The following Rules and Warnings must be posted inside all swimming and recreational bathing enclosures in plain view. These requirements are in accordance with Rule 410 IAC 6-2.1, Indiana State Board of Health Swimming Pool Rule.

- When no lifeguard is on duty, a sign must be in plain view stating “Warning-No Lifeguard on Duty.”(4 inch high letters). Additionally, the sign shall state “No Swimming Alone. Children Under 14 Years of Age and Non-Swimmers shall not Use the Pool Unless Accompanied by Responsible Adult.” (2 inch high letters).
- Pool Capacity (2 inch high letters).
- When pool is not open for use, the gates must be locked and have a posted “Pool Closed” sign (4 inch letters).
- “Danger-Hazardous Chemicals” sign shall be posted on chemical storage room door (4 inch letters).
- A telephone must be located within 200 feet of the pool enclosure. A sign must be posted in the pool area stating the location of the phone.
- A sign must be posted at the telephone containing the address of the facility and emergency phone numbers for:
  1. 911
  2. Ambulance or rescue unit
  3. Hospital
  4. Police Station
  5. Fire Station
- The following user sanitation and safety rules shall be posted on signs with letters at least one (1) inch high and within the pool enclosure.
  - (1) Anyone who has or has had diarrhea in the past (2) weeks shall not use the pool
  - (2) Anyone who has an area of exposed subepidermal issue, open blisters, cuts, etc., is advised not to use the pool.
  - (3) All persons shall take a cleansing shower before using the pool. A bather leaving the pool to use the toilet shall take another cleansing shower before returning to the pool enclosure.
  - (4) Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose, and similar behavior in the pool is prohibited.
  - (5) No running or rough play is permitted in the pool, on the runways, on diving boards, on floats, on platforms, in dressing rooms, or in showers.
  - (6) Street clothes are not allowed in the pool.
  - (7) All diaper aged children shall use plastic pants with tight fitting elastic at the legs and waist, or swim diapers.
  - (8) Do not change diapers at poolside.
- Depth markings shall be placed on pool deck and sidewalls of pool for each 2 foot change in depth increment. “No Diving” markings shall be placed on the pool deck where the pool depth is 5 feet or less. Also a sign stating “No Diving” shall be posted at non-diving areas (4 inch high letters).

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- In addition, spa pools shall have the following posted:
  - (1) Pregnant women, small children, or persons with heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or low blood pressure should not enter the spa except under the advice of a physician.
  - (2) Avoid use while under the influence of alcohol, tranquilizers, or other drugs that cause drowsiness or raise or lower blood pressure.
  - (3) Exposure greater than fifteen (15) minutes may result in drowsiness, nausea, or fainting.
- The following shall be posted near the entrance of swimming pool slides:
  - (1) One (1) rider at a time. Wait until the landing area is clear before entering slide.
  - (2) Slide in a sitting position or on the back only.
  - (3) Do not attempt to stop on the slide.
  - (4) Leave the plunge pool promptly after entering.
  - (5) Warning: Water depth is \_\_\_\_\_ feet.
- The following shall be posted near the entrance of the water slide:
  - (1) Only one (1) rider at a time.
  - (2) Follow the instructions of the attendant and/or lifeguard.
  - (3) No running, standing, kneeling, rotating, tumbling, or stopping in the flumes.
  - (4) No diving from a flume.
  - (5) Leave the plunge pool promptly after entering.

### MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS (NOT REQUIRED TO POST)

- One unit of lifesaving equipment is required per 2,000 sq. ft. of water surface area. (1 unit consists of a ring buoy having a minimum diameter of 20 inches, with a ¼ inch rope equal in length to the width of the pool but not longer than 45 feet, and a life pole or shepherd's crook no less than 12 feet in length). One spine board with ties and head immobilizer is also required. These items must be located within 20 feet of the pool. A ring buoy or rescue tube must be provided for each lifeguard in pools over 2,000 sq. ft.
- Every pool shall be equipped with two blankets and a first aid kit containing:
  1. One unit absorbent compress, 32 sq. inches (no side smaller than 4 inches);
  2. Sixteen units of adhesive bandages 1 inch x 3 inches;
  3. One unit of adhesive tape;
  4. Six units antibiotic ointment;
  5. Ten units antiseptic 0.14 oz. (0.5 g) application;
  6. Six units burn treatment 1/32 oz. application;
  7. One First Aid Guide;
  8. Two pairs of disposable gloves;
  9. Four units sterile pads, 3 inches x 3 inches, and;
  10. One unit triangular bandage 40 inches x 40 inches.

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