

Recommended Swimming Pool Safety Policy Criteria

It is recommended that *at least* the following criteria be considered for inclusion in swimming pool safety policies:

Aquatic Instruction

Physical Education Swim Class Protocols

- Initial orientation
- Class size
- Locker room entry, use and exit procedures
- Pre-assessment and identification of students
- Medical exclusions

Pool Facility

Accessibility to pool area

Aquatic safety management

Signage

Depth markers

Aquatic safety procedures

First aid protocols and equipment

Routine communication

Emergency communication

Pool supervision

Pool rules

Lifeguard Staff

Hiring, Assigning, and Training Practices for Lifeguards

Lifeguard Readiness and Authority

Lifeguard to Student/Swimmer/Patron Ratios

Document Retention

Special Purpose Pools, Activities and Programs

Non-School-Day Aquatic Activity and Programs

Extracurricular - Competitive Swimming and Diving

After School, Summer and Specialty Camps

Water and Pool Conditions

- Routine Maintenance
- Pool Maintenance Equipment and Supplies
- Water Chemistry and Testing
- Water and Air Temperature
- Recirculation / Filtration / Disinfection

- Chemical Storage and Access
- Safety Hazards
- Enclosures / Security
- Water Clarity
- Maintenance & Operations
- Disease, Injury and Drowning Prevention
 - Suction Entrapment Prevention
 - Pool Water Contamination & Response
 - Disaster & Emergency Response