

SAFETY & DEPTH MARKING REQUIREMENTS

2004 Rules Governing Public Swimming Pools

DEPTH MARKINGS

Placement:

1. On the vertical wall of the pool and on the edge of the deck next to the swimming pool
2. At points of maximum and minimum depths
3. At the transition point
4. Separate markings for Diving Area depths
5. Not greater than 25 feet apart

Minimum Requirements:

1. At least 4 inches high
2. In contrasting color to background; slip resistant finish
3. Must contain the word "feet" or abbreviation "ft"

NO DIVING

In areas where water is less than 5 feet deep:

1. On the pool deck
2. In contrasting color to background
3. No greater than 25 feet apart

Minimum Requirements:

1. "No Diving" in letters at least 4 inches high
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2. 6 inch by 6 inch international symbol in red & black on a white background

REQUIRED SIGNS

Swimming Pools

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | "WARNING - NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY" | Letters at least 4 inches high |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | "CHILDREN SHOULD NOT USE THE SWIMMING POOL WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION" | Letters at least 1 inch high |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | "ADULTS SHOULD NOT SWIM ALONE" | Letters at least 1 inch high |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The location of the emergency telephone if not clearly visible from the pool | No minimum letter size required |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A sign prohibiting pets and glass containers | No minimum letter size required |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pool Closed sign (for use whenever the pool is closed) | No minimum size or wording |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dialing instructions, address of the pool location and telephone number | Legible, located at the emergency phone |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sign directing pool users to shower before entering pool | Visible upon entering the pool |

Wading Pools

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | "WARNING - NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY" | Letters at least 4 inches high |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The location of the emergency telephone if not clearly visible from the pool | No minimum letter size required |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No depth markings are required | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pool Closed sign (for use when closed) | No minimum size or wording |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | "WARNING to prevent serious injury do not allow children in wading pool if drain cover is broken or missing" | Letters at least ½ inch high (if pool has only one main drain) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sign directing pool users to shower before entering pool | Visible upon entering the pool |

Spas

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The location of the emergency telephone if not clearly visible from the pool | No minimum letter size required |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No depth markings are required | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sign requiring a shower for each user and prohibiting oils, body lotion, and minerals in the water | No minimum size or exact wording |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pool Closed sign (for use when closed) | No minimum size or wording |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | "CAUTION"
"- Pregnant women, elderly persons, and persons suffering from heart disease diabetes, or high or low blood pressure should not enter the spa/hot tub without prior medical consultation and permission from their doctor;
- Do not use the spa/hot tub while under the influence of alcohol, tranquilizers, or other drugs that cause drowsiness or that raise or lower blood pressure;
- Do not use alone; | Letters at least ½ inch in size
-Unsupervised use by children is prohibited;
-Enter and exit slowly;
-Observe reasonable time limits (that is, 10 – 15 minutes), then leave the water and cool down before returning for another brief stay;
-Long exposure may result in nausea, dizziness, or fainting;
-Keep all breakable objects out of the area." |