

Pool Guidelines and Required Annual Notification of Use to Agency

Wading pool use:

- A wading pool is any pool that has a maximum depth of 24” or less and can be manually emptied and moved.
- Wading pools must be inaccessible to children except for periods of supervised use.
- Wading pools must be kept clean.
- Parents/guardians must give written permission prior to child use. DHS has a required form for this.
- Parents/guardians must be given written information regarding the risks of disease transmission and health risks of wading pools. DHS has a required form for this.
- Prior to use of wading pools, you must review DHS wading pool best practices.

Hot tub present at licensed program:

- If water is present in the hot tub, it's highly recommended to have the hot tub covered with a hard cover and locked at all times during operating hours.

Swimming pool present, child care children do not use:

- Entrance to pool must be made inaccessible to children.
- The ladder must be inaccessible to children during operating hours.
- If the pool is above ground a barrier with a lock around the pool is highly recommended. The county may require a barrier depending on the height of the pool.
- If the pool is underground, a barrier is required.

Swimming pool present, child care children do use (initials indicate compliance):

_____ Swimming pool use is supervised by an approved caregiver at all times.

_____ Swimming pool must be inaccessible to children except for periods of supervised use.

_____ The license holder has NOT had a temporary immediate suspension, license revocation, fine, or license suspension in 24 months prior to child care use.

_____ The license holder has NOT had a correction order or conditional license relating to supervision or health and safety of children in 24 months prior to child care use.

_____ The license holder notifies the licensing agency every year **PRIOR** to child care use. Failing to notify the agency on an annual basis may be grounds for a licensing action or correction order.

_____ Every year the parent/guardian gives written consent allowing their child to use the pool. Parents/guardians must be given information on the risks of swimming pools. DHS has required forms for use. Failing to obtain annual written parent/guardian permission may be grounds for a licensing action or correction order.

_____ The license holder has completed a swimming pool operator training course within five years prior to child care pool use, and then at least every five years after.

_____ The caregiver supervising pool use is trained in CPR and first aid.

_____ All potty-trained children are toileted before entering the pool.

_____ All non-potty-trained children wear a swim diaper while in the pool.

_____ A pH of not less than 7.2 and not more than 8.0 is maintained.

_____ The disinfectant concentration is maintained between two and five parts per million for chlorine or between 2.3 and 4.5 parts per million for bromine.

_____ A daily record of the swimming pool's operation with pH and disinfectant concentration readings on days when child care children are present is maintained.

_____ If fecal material gets in the pool, it must be treated at three times the normal shock treatment to raise the chlorine level to at least 20 parts per million. The pool must be closed until the water pH and disinfectant concentration levels return to levels as listed **and** for at least 24 hours.

_____ No person with an open wound or confirmed/suspected communicable disease may enter the pool.

_____ Disinfectant feeder(s) are used.

_____ There is a recirculation system that will clarify and disinfect the swimming pool volume of water in 10 hours or less.

_____ Water clarity is maintained so that an object on the pool floor at the deepest point is easily visible.

_____ Suction outlets, drains, covers, and grates are installed and maintained according to MN Statute 144.1222, Subd. 1c and 1d, including daily inspections.

_____ There are written safety rules and pool policies which are enforced.

_____ During child care use, a safety rope is kept in place dividing the shallow and deep ends of the pool.

_____ Local ordinances are followed regarding pools, decks, and fencing.

_____ During child care use, the pool water is maintained between 70° and 104°F.

_____ A Coast Guard approved life ring with attached rope, an exit ladder, and a shepherd's hook are available at all times.

_____ Non-compliance with pool use guidelines may result in licensing actions or correction orders and the pool use being restricted.

Required annual notification for swimming pool use:

Annual date of pool use
licensor notification: _____

*Notification allows for pool use for 1 year from this date.
Notification must be renewed every year for continued use.*

License holder name: _____

Signature: _____

Applicable Rules/Statutes:
MN Statute 144.1222 Subd 2a
MN Statute 144.1222 Subd 2b

MN Statute 245A.14 Subd. 10
MN Statute 245A.14 Subd. 11

MN Rule 9502.0425 Subp 3