**Management Review Checklist for Pools and Spas**

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|  | Comply with all safety regulations for public pools. | |
|  | Be aware of all state, county and municipal regulations regarding the following: | |
|  |  | Lifeguard certification and requirements |
|  |  | Facility design and safety features |
|  |  | Chemical levels |
|  |  | Staff training |
|  |  | Pool Capacity |
|  |  | First-aid equipment and supplies |
|  |  | Depths for diving |
|  |  | Anti-entrapment devices such as drain covers and safety vacuum release systems. |
|  |  | Frequency of inspections by appropriate agencies, such as the local health department |
|  | Make sure the on-site pool operator is certified. | |
|  | Instruct employees to document whenever they enforce a pool rule. | |
|  | Instruct employees to monitor the weather and clear the pool whenever threatening weather approaches | |
|  | Ask employees to prohibit alcohol-impaired guests from entering the pool. | |
|  | Do not allow any horseplay. | |
|  | Ask employees to monitor the pool area - even after hours. | |
|  | Make sure an employee trained in emergency first aid is on duty when the pool is open. | |
|  | Check all safety equipment. | |
|  | Mark lifesaving equipment “For Emergency Use Only.” The equipment should include:  A ring buoy attached to a rope 1½ times the width of the pool, but not over 60 feet  A shepherd’s crook at least 12 feet long  A rescue tube | |
|  | Implement a plan for first aid/emergency medical service. | |
|  | Remove diving boards and water slides unless there is lifeguard supervision. | |
|  | Periodically evaluate water envelopes to ensure they are adequate for diving boards, slides, and other pool equipment. | |
|  | Clearly mark the division between shallow and deep water with ropes or floats and with contrasting coloring on the pool floor. | |
|  | Make sure the pool is enclosed or fenced and has self-closing doors or self-locking gates. | |
|  | Provide a pool telephone with clearly posted emergency numbers. | |
|  | Make sure the pool is adequately lit (including emergency lighting) and the underwater lights work. If night swimming is allowed, the pool basin and surrounding deck areas should be illuminated. | |
|  | Make sure pool deck, locker rooms, shower facilities and surrounding areas have slip-resistant surfaces. | |
|  | Make sure wading pools, swimming pools and spas have firmly attached anti-entrapment drain covers that are inspected regularly. | |
|  | If a lifeguard is not on duty, make sure you have a conspicuously placed sign informing swimming pool users that they swim at their own risk. | |
|  | Post and enforce all pool hours. | |
|  | Provide signs and markings in English and other languages if appropriate. | |
|  | Make sure you can clearly see the main drain at the bottom of the pool. | |
|  | Warning signs should include the following:  Safety and sanitation  No lifeguard  Parental supervision  911  Location of telephone  Pool capacity | |
|  | Make sure dressing rooms, shower facilities and rest rooms are clean and well maintained. | |
|  | Keep trespassers and children from gaining access to outdoor pools by four foot or higher fences and gates with positive latching devices. | |
|  | Make sure lifeguards are on duty during heavy pool use. Their uniforms should make them readily identifiable as members of the lifeguard staff. | |
|  | Check that lifeguards have up-to-date certification, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and lifeguard training, and that copies of certificates are on file. | |
|  | If lifeguards are not on duty, ensure that someone on the premises is qualified to administer CPR and other emergency procedures. | |
|  | Employees trained in proper use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED). AEDs maintained according to manufacturer’s recommendations. | |
|  | Have electrical service checked annually by an electrician. | |
|  | Make sure self-contained breathing apparatus, respirators, or chlorine-rated gas masks (if chlorine gas is used to treat the pool) are easily accessible and staff have been trained in their use. | |
|  | Review daily inspections and make any corrective actions immediately. Document this information in a daily pool log or journal. | |
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| **Pool Opening Safety Checklist** | | |
|  | Pool rules are posted in several strategic locations. | |
|  | Pool ladders and handrails are secure. | |
|  | The drain anti-entrapment cover is secure. | |
|  | Decking and walkways are clean and in good condition. | |
|  | Good drainage is provided and the pool deck is clean. | |
|  | The fence is in good condition. Gates self-close and latch securely. | |
|  | The gate is locked except during posted operating hours. | |
|  | Diving boards, slides and other pool equipment are in good condition. | |
|  | Chairs, tables and umbrellas are in good condition. | |
|  | Non-slip flooring is in good condition. | |
|  | Locker room lighting fixtures are shatterproof. | |
|  | Electrical outlets are protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) and in working condition. | |
|  | Shower water temperature is 120 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. | |
|  | Telephone or two-way radios are available and operational for emergency use. | |
|  | Lifesaving equipment is readily accessible and in good condition. | |
|  | Signs are conspicuously posted to indicate safety rules and the hours of pool use. | |
|  | Glassware is not allowed in the pool area. | |
|  | Depth markers are legible on the top and sides of the pool. They are in feet and meters, if necessary. | |
|  | Rope floats, in good condition, separate the deep end of the pool from the shallow end. | |
|  | The pool deck is free of tripping hazards. | |
|  | Water treatment equipment and chemicals are accessible to authorized people only. | |
|  | Warning signs are posted in the sauna. | |
|  | The sauna temperature controls, timer and door latch are in working order. | |
|  | The sauna heater is guarded. | |

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