

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS



**Lorain County
Public Health**
For the Health of Us All

LIFEGUARD DUTIES / MINIMUM NUMBER OF LIFEGUARDS

LIFEGUARD DUTIES

Lifeguards on duty at a public swimming pool shall:
(OAC 3701-31-04E4e)

- 1) Be capable swimmers and be able to perform all lifeguarding tasks authorized by their certification;
- 2) Be responsible for the safety of bathers within the designated area of responsibility, and be able to reach a person in the area within 20 seconds;
- 3) Have a clear and unobstructed view of the pool bottom and areas under supervision;
- 4) Be similarly attired and readily identifiable by bathers and other lifeguards;
- 5) Be prepared to immediately enter the water;
- 6) Not engage in swimmer instruction or coaching while on duty;
- 7) Have on their person a rescue tube and a CPR pocket mask;
- 8) Have a current and valid certification in lifeguard, CPR, and First Aid training.
- 9) Scan the area of responsibility every 20 seconds.
- 10) Maintain supervision to prevent patrons from entering the closed portions of the pool.
- 11) Enforce the posted rules.
- 12) Dispatcher for a slide must remain in continual visual or verbal contact with the lifeguard in the landing area.

REQUIRED MINIMUM NUMBER OF LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguards shall supervise or observe designated areas of the facilities in accordance with the following:
(OAC 3701-31-04E4a)

- | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---|----------|
| 1) Pool size: | 1-1999 sq. ft. | with 1-50 bathers | 0 Guards |
| 2) Pool size: | 1-1999 sq. ft. | with 50-150 bathers | 1 Guard |
| 3) Pool size: | 2000-5999 sq. ft. | with 1-50 bathers | 1 Guard |
| 4) Pool size: | 2000-5999 sq. ft. | with 51-150 bathers | 2 Guards |
| 5) Pool size: | 2000-3999 sq. ft. | with >150 bathers | 2 Guards |
| 6) Pool size: | 4000-5999 sq. ft. | with >150 bathers | 3 Guards |
| 7) There must be at least 1 Guard at pools with a diving board or a zero entry | | | |
| 8) Pools with slides: | | 10 ft. high – dispatcher at the top | |
| 9) Pools with slides: | | 25 ft. high – an additional Guard at bottom | |

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Swimming pools shall provide safety equipment that is readily visible from the pool and easily accessible:

(OAC 3701-31-04E2)

- 1) Reach pole **with shepherd's crook**
 - 12 ft. long, non-telescopic.
- 2) USCG type IV PFD (ring buoy, throw bag, or equivalent)
 - Attach **1/4" diameter rope 30-60** long.
- 3) Spine board
 - Pools with lifeguards must have straps and head immobilizers.
- 4) Safety line
 - Between shallow and deep ends.
- 5) First Aid Kit
 - Include disposable gloves, material to stop bleeding.
- 6) Emergency phone
 - Working, available, continuously connected to power.
 - If not visible from all pool area post a sign stating the location of the phone.
 - **Post by the phone "in case of emergency call 911" or if you need to dial "9" to get an outside line post "dial 9-911".**
 - Post the name and address of the pool by the phone – beginning 2019.

ENCLOSURES

- 1) Gates – self-closing and lockable. Gate must be self-latching (if installed after 1999).
- 2) Fencing – good repair to prevent unauthorized entry. No gaps in the fence or between the fence and the ground larger than 4 inches.

Rev 7-13-18