



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

POOL SIGNS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC POOLS

The following summary of the most common pool signs required by the pool code is intended to provide information that will assist you as a public swimming pool and/or spa pool owner/operator. Special circumstances may dictate the need for the posting of additional signs. If you have any further questions, please contact Environmental Health at (714) 433-6000.

General: Approved signs shall be maintained in a legible manner.

Occupant Load: A sign with clearly legible letters not less than 4 inches high shall be posted in a conspicuous place near the main entrance to a pool which shall indicate the number of occupants permitted for each pool.

Spa Pool: The occupant capacity of a spa pool shall be based on one bather for every 10 square feet of pool water surface area.

Other Pools: The occupant capacity of all other pools shall be based on one bather for every 20 square feet of pool water surface area.

Wade Pool: Occupant capacity requirements do not apply to wading pools.

No Diving Allowed: For pools with a maximum depth of less than six feet, a sign with clearly legible letters not less than 4 inches high shall be posted in a conspicuous place.

Warning Sign for a Spa Pool: A precaution sign with clearly legible letters shall be posted in a prominent place near the entrance to a spa pool which shall contain the following language:

"CAUTION"

1. Elderly persons, pregnant women, infants and those with health conditions requiring medical care should consult with a physician before entering a spa.
2. Unsupervised use by children under the age of 14 is prohibited.
3. Hot water immersion while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, or medicines may lead to serious consequences and is not recommended.
4. Do not use alone.
5. Long exposure may result in nausea, dizziness or fainting.

No Lifeguard on Duty: Where no lifeguard service is provided, a warning sign shall be placed in plain view and shall state "**Warning-No Lifeguard on Duty**" with clearly legible letters at least 4 inches high. In addition, the sign shall also state "**Children Under the Age of 14 Should Not Use Pool Without An Adult In Attendance**". Exception: An age younger than 14 may be noted.

CPR Diagrammatic Illustrations: At all pools, diagrammatic illustrations of artificial respiration procedures, such as CPR, shall be posted where clearly visible from the nearby deck. Such illustrations shall be protected against the elements.

911: The telephone number, usually 911, of the nearest ambulance, fire and police or sheriff's department shall be similarly posted along with instructions that, if needed, manual or mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration should be started immediately and continued until a physician arrives or mechanical resuscitators are applied.

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