

Pool Safety Signage Requirements

There are several pool safety signage that are required to be posted based on the type of pool. These safety signs are designed to protect the health and well-being of pool users.

All signs shall be in clearly legible letters or numbers and fixed to a wall, pole, gate or a similar permanent structure in a location visible to all pool users. Unless otherwise noted, these signs shall be in at least **4 inch** lettering.

Required signage on exterior side of all **SWIMMING** and **SPA** pool entrance gate(s):

KEEP GATE CLOSED: All pools must post a “KEEP GATE CLOSED” or “KEEP CLOSED” sign on the exterior side of each entrance gate.



DIARRHEA: All pools must have a sign at each entrance in letters at least **1 inch** high that states persons currently having active diarrhea or who have had active diarrhea within the previous 14 days shall not be allowed to enter the pool water.



Required signage within the **SWIMMING** and **SPA** pool enclosures:

MAXIMUM OCCUPANT CAPACITY: This sign indicates maximum number of pool users allowed in the pool at one time.

- Spa Pool Maximum Capacity = Surface Area (in square feet)/10
- All Other Pools Maximum Capacity = Surface Area (in square feet)/20
- **Exception:** *This sign is not required for WADING pools or INTERACTIVE WATER FEATURES such as spray grounds.*



ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION AND CPR: All pools must post an Artificial Respiration Procedures sign that illustrates artificial respiration procedures using diagrams and have text at least **¼ inch** high.



EMERGENCY (911): The emergency telephone number 911 must be at least **4 inches**. A number of the nearest emergency services along with the name and street address of the pool facility shall also be posted (at least **1 inch** numbers and text).



Required signage *depending on the pool hours and activities/equipment/specific features* available:

NO DIVING: All pools with a maximum water depth of 6 feet or less shall have a “NO DIVING” sign posted in a conspicuous place.



NO LIFEGUARD: If a lifeguard service is not provided, a sign shall be posted stating “NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY” (at least **4 inch** lettering) **AND** “Children under the age of 14 shall not use pool without a parent or adult guardian in attendance” (at least **1 inch** lettering).



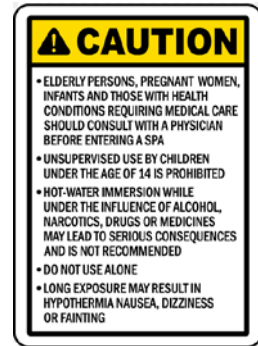
- **Exception:** This sign is not required for spray grounds.

EMERGENCY EXIT: Unless all gates/doors allow keyless egress, all pool enclosures constructed after July 1, 1994 must post "Emergency Exit" signs on all gates/doors that have keyless egress.



SPA WARNING: All spa pools must post a sign stating "CAUTION" and include the following language in at least 1 inch lettering:

1. Elderly persons, pregnant women, infants and those with health conditions requiring medical care should consult with a healthcare provider 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 hyperthermia, nausea, dizziness, or fainting.



SPA EMERGENCY SHUT OFF SWITCH: All spa emergency shut-off switches shall be labeled in at least 1 inch lettering.



NO USE OF POOL AFTER DARK: All pools without lighting shall have a sign posted outside each pool entrance gate stating "NO USE OF POOL ALLOWED AFTER DARK" (at least 4 inch lettering).



USE TOILET AND SHOWER BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL: Pools with toilet/shower facilities shall have a sign posted within the enclosure indicating to use the shower/toilet facilities prior to entering the pool.



CHLORINE GAS WARNING: For pools where automatic gaseous chlorine feeders are used, a warning sign with the hazard identification symbol shall be posted on the exterior side of the door entering the chemical feeder room or area.



Required signage for **WAVE** pools and **SPRAYGROUNDS**:

WAVE POOL: Wave pool signs must include the following in at least 1 inch lettering:

- Approved life vests are required for all non-swimmers and children of less than 48 inches tall when using the wave pool.
- All children less than 42 inches tall must be accompanied by an adult to be admitted into the facility.
- If a wave action is suspended, an audible warning signal will sound 15 seconds prior to the next wave.



SPRAY GROUND: Each spray ground shall have a visibly posted sign stating "CAUTION: WATER IS RECIRCULATED. DO NOT DRINK."

