

REQUIRED AQUATIC CENTER SIGNS

The following checked signs are required at the facility named:

Aquatic Center Signs

All persons shall be instructed before entering an aquatic center (pool, spa, wade or water slide), by means of suitable, clearly lettered signs properly located, to observe all safety regulations. The sign shall contain, at a minimum, all the following:

1. Persons with sore or inflamed eyes, colds, nasal or ear discharges, boils or other acute or obvious skin or body infections, or cuts shall be excluded from pool.
2. No glass allowed within the pool enclosures.
3. No animals allowed except for service animals.
4. No drinks, candy, tobacco, popcorn, gum alcohol, or food of any kind shall be permitted in the pool or within the required walkways of the pool.
5. Keep gate(s) closed - do not prop open.
6. Shower before entering the pool.
7. If incontinent, wear tight fitting rubber or plastic pants or a swim diaper.
8. Observe all safety regulations.

Spa Caution Signs

A sign visible and legible from the spa shall be provided. It shall state:*

- "CAUTION
- A. Elderly persons, pregnant women, infants and those with health conditions requiring medical care should consult with a physician before entering a spa.
 - B. Unsupervised use by children under the age of 18 is prohibited.
 - C. Hot water immersion while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, or medicines may lead to serious consequences and is not recommended.
 - D. It is recommended that the spa is not used alone.
 - E. Long exposure may result in nausea, dizziness or fainting."

*sign needs to read exactly as stated.

Bathing Load Signs

A sign with clearly legible letters not less than four (4") inches high shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the pool enclosure or near the main entrance that shall indicate the number of bathers permitted for each pool.

To determine the bathing load use the following equations:

Pools

$$\frac{[\text{Length} \times \text{Width}]_{\text{shallow end}}}{15\text{ft}^2} + \frac{[\text{Length} \times \text{Width}]_{\text{deep end}}}{25\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\frac{L \times W}{15\text{ft}^2} + \frac{L \times W}{25\text{ft}^2} = \boxed{}$$

shallow end of pool is area of pool less than 5' and deep end of pool is area greater than 5'

Spas (square or rectangle)

$$\frac{[\text{Length} \times \text{Width}]}{10\text{ft}^2}$$

$$\frac{L \times W}{25\text{ft}^2} = \boxed{}$$

Spas (circle)

$$\left(\frac{\text{diameter}}{2}\right)^2 \times 3.14$$

$$\left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^2 \times 3.14 = \boxed{\text{Area}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Area}} / 10\text{ft}^2 = \boxed{}$$

Warning Signs

Where no lifeguard service is provided, the warning sign shall be placed in plain view and should state, with clearly legible at least four inches (4") high letters

"WARNING - NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY"

In addition, the sign shall also state:

"Children Under the Age of 18 Should Not Use Pool Without an Adult in Attendance."

Where the water depth is less than 5 feet (shallow pool), a warning sign shall be posted in plain view and state, "NO DIVING ALLOWED" with clearly legible letters, at least four inches (4") high.

A sign posted in a conspicuous place shall state "Notify the manager or operator on duty if the main drain is not visible."

A sign posted in a conspicuous place shall state:

"To register a complaint about the condition of this pool, contact St. Charles County at (636) 949-1800."

Water Slide Sign Requirements

A sign shall be posted at the entrance of the slide tower informing bathers of the necessary safety procedures and informing bathers to follow the instructions of the lifeguard. The sign shall contain the following as a minimum:

1. Follow the instructions of the lifeguard,
2. One rider at a time,
3. Feet first sliding only,
4. No horseplay,
5. Exit slide recovery area immediately,
6. No kneeling or standing on the slide,
7. Keep hands and feet inside slide,
8. Height minimum and maximum requirements determined by slide manufacturer recommendations,
9. The manufacturers other suggested rules shall be incorporated in the sign, and
10. Persons not following the safety procedures or the instructions of the lifeguard shall be excluded from the slide.

If you have any questions regarding signs, please call the St. Charles County Department of Public Health at 636-949-1800.

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