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Pool Safety Equipment Checklist

Safety equipment is a necessary part of overall pool safety. All safety equipment MUST be available in a readily accessible, well-marked location prior to your approval to open. Please use the following checklist as a guideline.

The Michigan Public Health Code requires that any swimming pool other than a wading pool is to be provided with the following safety equipment:

- _____ A one-piece 12-foot long rescue pole with blunted ends, one end of which may have a shepherd's crook attached.
- _____ A ¼-inch diameter throwing rope as long as 1½ times the maximum width of the pool or 50 feet, whichever is less, with one end attached to an 18 inch diameter ring buoy or rescue bag.

A 24-piece first aid kit which is used primarily to treat small cuts, bruises and burns and which contains all of the following materials or their equivalent:

- _____ 4 units of adhesive bandage, 1 inch by 3 inches
- _____ 2 units of 2-inch bandage compress
- _____ 1 unit of 3-inch bandage compress
- _____ 1 unit of 4-inch bandage compress
- _____ 2 units of absorbent gauze pad, 3 inches by 3 inches
- _____ 1 unit of gauze compress, 18 inches by 36 inches
- _____ 2 units of large gauze compress, 24 inches by 72 inches
- _____ 2 units of 4-inch gauze roller bandages
- _____ 2 units of triangular bandages
- _____ 1 unit of scissors
- _____ 1 unit of tweezers
- _____ 2 units of instant ice packs
- _____ 2 units of latex disposable gloves
- _____ 1 unit of adhesive plaster tape
- _____ A kit to clean up blood spills which consists of as a minimum a pair of medical-grade latex gloves and an antimicrobial hand wipe.
- _____ A spine board that has a minimum of 3 ties, runners, and a head immobilizer.
- _____ A telephone or other suitable means of communication for emergencies, at which a sign is posted indicating the phone numbers for emergency response agencies (i.e. 911), and the name and address of the swimming pool to assist emergency personnel in locating the facility.

If your pool has lifeguards, then the following items are also required:

- _____ A megaphone or other public address system.
- _____ One whistle per lifeguard on duty.
- _____ One rescue tube per lifeguard where the water depth is greater than 3.5 feet.
- _____ One resuscitation mask per lifeguard on duty.

Please contact Washtenaw County Environmental Services at (734) 222-3800 for questions regarding pool safety equipment requirements.