

Swimming Pool

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Policy Statement

The swimming pool and its operational and safety equipment must comply with local and state codes having jurisdiction over such facilities, as well as ADA requirements

Pool requirements

- ❖ Daily pool maintenance is to be completed by a trained person
- ❖ Swimming pools are to be in-ground with a depth not to exceed 5 foot
- ❖ Diving boards, slides, platforms, and other similar equipment are prohibited
- ❖ Coping surrounding the pool to be pre-cast concrete with non-slip finish
- ❖ Pool deck to be non-slip (minimum width 8") and have adequate drainage
- ❖ Exposed metal to be chrome-plated brass, bronze, or stainless steel to meet local codes
- ❖ Filtration equipment must include an automatic chlorinator
- ❖ Not more than an 18" water depth in pools for small children (wading pool)
- ❖ Pools are to have underwater lights
- ❖ Pool lights and outlets to be protected through an approved fail-safe device
- ❖ Pool depths to be permanently marked on both shallow and deep ends, both in feet and meters
- ❖ A floater line is to be used to separate shallow water from deep water
- ❖ A shepherd's hook and coast guard life ring, with an adequate rope attached, to be readily available near the pool area
- ❖ All pool signage must be easily readable and conspicuously posted
- ❖ All swimming pools are to be outfitted with a pool lift (ADA requirements)
- ❖ Ensure that pool drains comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act of 2008.
- ❖ If a lifeguard is required by local regulations, the lifeguard must be certified and properly trained in emergency procedures
- ❖ 'No Diving' signs, with lettering a minimum 5" high, must be located in a conspicuous area near the pool

Pool requirements cont'd

- ❖ An illustrated poster showing artificial respiration procedures may also be posted (recommended)
- ❖ Management must ensure that all hotel staff, or the outsourced maintenance company responsible for treating the pool, are properly trained in the correct use of the pool chemicals and comply with all HazComm requirements
- ❖ Outside swimming pools must be surrounded by a fence with a minimum height of 4 feet, with an automatic self-closing, self-latching, and lockable gate. A higher fence may be needed at the discretion of the Franchisee
- ❖ The same safety requirements apply to inside swimming pools to restrict access, particularly during non-operational hours
- ❖ Adequate, commercial quality, deck chairs, umbrellas and chaise lounges made from PVC, or other appropriate poolside materials, must be provided
- ❖ Pools must be covered with an appropriately sized cover when the pool is closed for the season
- ❖ The cover must be firmly anchored to the pool deck

Pool Signage Sample

