

Class “A” Pool Admission Standards

ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC POOLS*

Pools with Lifeguards (Class “A”)

Follow these recommendations to help prevent injuries and fatalities:

Children aged 6 – 9 years who are non-swimmers

must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 12 years of age and responsible for their direct supervision. The ratio of non-swimmers to parent/guardian may be a maximum of 4 bathers to one parent/guardian (4:1). If lifejackets are worn by all non-swimmers in their charge, the ratio of non-swimmers to parent/guardian may be increased to maximum of 8 bathers to one parent/guardian (8:1).

Children aged 6 – 9 years who are swimmers

(i.e. able to demonstrate comfort in the water and pass the facility’s swim test) may be admitted to the swimming pool unaccompanied.

Children under the age of 6 years

may not be admitted to the swimming pool unless they are accompanied by a parent/guardian who is responsible for their direct supervision, with a maximum of two children per parent/guardian.

Guardians or group leaders are responsible for the children in their care while in the facility and must directly supervise the children at all times.

Ratios of instructors/lifeguards to bathers must be maintained as per Ontario Regulation 565 (Public Pools).

**Admission standards for Public Pools were developed by the Office of the Chief Coroner to assist lifeguards and assistant lifeguards in maintaining adequate surveillance over the whereabouts and the activities of young bathers while they are inside the pool enclosure.*

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