

4717.1450 LIFEGUARD STATIONS AND LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT.

Subpart 1. **Lifeguard stations.** At any time a pool with more than 2,250 square feet of water surface is operated primarily for unorganized use, the pool must have an elevated lifeguard platform or chair. In a pool with 4,000 square feet or more of water surface, additional elevated platforms, or chairs must be located to provide a clear, unobstructed view of the pool bottom in the area under surveillance.

Subp. 2. **Lifesaving equipment.** Except for a spa pool or wading pool, not less than one unit of lifesaving equipment as described in subpart 3, must be at every public pool. One unit must be provided for each 2,000 square feet of water surface or fraction thereof.

Subp. 3. **Lifesaving equipment unit.** One unit of lifesaving equipment is:

A. a ring buoy attached to a 3/16 inch manila, or equivalent material, rope that is 1-1/2 times the pool width, but not over 60 feet; and

B. a lifepole or shepherd's crook pole with blunted ends and a minimum fixed length of 12 feet; or

C. where a lifeguard is provided, a rescue tube may be used instead of a ring buoy.

Subp. 4. **Lifesaving equipment; access.** Lifesaving equipment must be mounted in conspicuous places, distributed around the pool deck, at lifeguard chairs or at another readily accessible location. The equipment must be plainly marked "For emergency use only." Equipment must be kept in repair and ready condition. No one may tamper with, use for any purpose other than its intended use, or remove equipment from its established location, except for emergency use.

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 46 SR 175]

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