

Public Swimming Pool Approval Checklist

Before opening to the public, a public health inspector (PHI) must complete an approval inspection of all public swimming pools. The following approval requirements apply to public swimming pools, whirlpools, wading pools, or water spray parks.

- Construction or renovations are 100% complete.
- A thorough cleaning of the basin(s) pool deck area has been completed.
- The basin(s) have satisfactory bacteriological water sample result from the Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (ProvLab)
- Chemical parameters such as free chlorine residual, pH, and total alkalinity must comply with the Public Swimming Pool Regulation (AR 204/2014) and Alberta Pool Standards, July 2014 (amended January 2018).
- Cyanuric acid does not exceed 50 ppm for outdoor swimming pools.
- The flow rate for the pool(s) are within the range specified by the submitted plans and the recirculation rates required in the Public Swimming Pool Regulation (AR 204/2014) and Alberta Pool Standards, July 2014 (amended January 2018).
- A properly installed flow measuring device is located on each circulation system after the filter and shown to be in good working order.
- All submerged suction outlets and anti-entrapment devices are installed according to the manufacturer's specifications and in good working order.
- The water in a public swimming pool(s) is less than 40°C. Whirlpool(s) must be fitted with a temperature regulator.
- A clock must be clearly visible and adjacent to the whirlpool(s).
- A reasonable provision is available to assist patrons in monitoring length of stay in a dry saunas or steam sauna.
- Soap must be available in all showers except for those used for cooling or rinsing purposes.
- Soap and paper towels, in proper dispensers, must be available at hand wash basins.
- Signage is posted, as required by the Pool Standards, January 2018, must be posted.
- Suitable emergency equipment and a first aid kit available.

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- An operational emergency phone is available in the pool area. The approving PHI may approve an alternative location for a telephone or another system of communication.
- Written policies and plans must be available in accordance with the Pool Standards, July 2014 (amended January 2018). Refer to Sections 10.0, 11.0, 12.0 and 13.0. This should include an Anti-Entrapment Plan as required in Section 9.1.
- The pool operator is suitable trained and has received certification qualifications.

Please note: Inspections to approve and issue an occupancy permit to the facility are conducted by the municipality or Safety Codes Officer. Alberta Health Services may request written documentation confirming the appropriate permits have been issued by a Safety Codes Officer.

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