

Pool and Spa References

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1. **Swimming Pool Safety:** Child drownings can happen in a matter of seconds--in the time it takes to answer the phone. Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths to children ages 14 and under. Each year, approximately 1,150 children ages 14 and under drown; more than half are preschoolers (ages 0-4). Of children surviving near-drownings, 5-20 percent suffers severe and permanent disability.
http://cityofpasadena.net/Fire/Swimming_Pool_Safety/
2. **National Safety Council Drowning Fact Sheet:** An estimated 5,000 children ages 14 and under are hospitalized due to unintentional drowning-related incidents each year; 15 percent die in the hospital and as many as 20 percent suffer severe, permanent neurological disability (*National Safety Council*) <http://www.poseidon-tech.com/us/statistics.html>
3. **Consumer Product Safety Commission:** An annual average of 390 pool or spa-related drownings for children younger than 15 occurred from 2007 to 2009; about 75 percent (293) of the reported fatalities involved children younger than five.
<https://www.cpsc.gov/en/Newsroom/News-Releases/2012/New-CPSC-Data-Show-Child-Drownings-In-Pools-and-Spas-Still-A-Leading-Cause-of-Death/>
4. **Center for Disease Control and Prevention:** Every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger. Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States
<http://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/water-safety/waterinjuries-factsheet.html>
5. **Orange County Public Pool Safety Sign Requirements:** A sign shall be posted on the exterior side of gates leading into the pool enclosure area stating, "KEEP GATE CLOSED."
<http://ochealthinfo.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=23694>
6. **Center for Disease Control and Prevention:** Swim diapers/swim pants can delay diarrhea-causing germs like, *Cryptosporidium*, from leaking into the water for a few minutes, but swim diapers/swim pants do not keep these germs from contaminating the water.
<http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/protection/swim-diapers-swim-pants.html>
7. **University of North Carolina, Charlotte:** Amburgey JE, Anderson JB. Disposable swim diaper retention of *Cryptosporidium*-sized particles on human subjects in a recreational water setting. [J Water Hlth. 2011;9:653–658](#)
8. **Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., Jay Hoecker, M.D., emeritus pediatrics specialist:** "If your child has a bowel movement in the water, fecal material may escape the diaper. A dirty diaper might contain diarrhea-causing germs, including the parasite cryptosporidium — which can contaminate pool water or other swimming areas. In otherwise healthy people, a cryptosporidium infection causes upset stomach and diarrhea. The consequences can be more severe for people who have weak immune systems." <http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-living/infant-and-toddler-health/in-depth/childrens-health/art-20044936>
9. **The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals:** "Always have an adult designated to maintain constant visual contact with children whenever they are near, or could get near, any body of water." <https://apsp.org/safety/pool-spa-safety/hot-tub-safety-tips.aspx>

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10. **Welfare and Institutions Code SECTION 300 (a):** The child has suffered, or there is a substantial risk that the child will suffer, serious physical harm inflicted non-accidentally upon the child by the child's parent or guardian. <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=wic&group=00001-01000&file=300-304.7>
11. **American Red Cross:** Never leave a child of any age around a pool or spa without adult supervision; when watching infants or toddlers near water, always stay within an arm's reach http://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m12140172_ABCs_of_Water_Safety.pdf
12. **California Family Code SECTION 6500-6501:** A minor is an individual who is under 18 years of age. An adult is an individual who is 18 years of age or older. <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=fam&group=06001-07000&file=6500-6502>
13. **Davis-Stirling Act, Hot Tubs and Jacuzzis:** Associations may adopt rules prohibiting young children from using the association's hot tub/spa. Infants and young children are more susceptible to over-heating than adults should not be exposed to the high temperatures of a spa. Even though discriminatory, there is a valid health reason for the restriction. If boards adopt restrictions per the manufacturer's guidelines, they can defend against complaints of discrimination. <http://www.davis-stirling.com/tabid/1229/Default.aspx#axzz309PoM900>
14. **The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals:** Infants and toddlers should not be permitted in a hot tub at all as babies' thin skin makes them more susceptible to overheating. Children who are big enough to be in a hot tub should not use it for more than five minutes at a time, especially at the maximum temperature of 104 degrees. <https://apsp.org/safety/pool-spa-safety/hot-tub-safety-tips.aspx>
15. **Farmers Insurance:** Pools without diving boards are considered no diving pools (949) 487-9696
16. **Darrin Johnson, SR Smith Engineering Diving Pool Specification Specialist:** On a normal diving pool, there will be an area of the pool bottom that's flat. The Broadmoor pool slopes down and towards the drain from the deep end, and then at the drain, slopes up the 12' to the 4' 6" depth, leaving little to no flat area in the deep end. The walls are sloped too much to make this a diving pool. (djohnson@srsmith.com)
17. **Americans with Disabilities Act:** Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered. A question that can be asked is "what work or task has the dog been trained to perform?" http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm