

SAFETY AND DEPTH MARKING REQUIREMENTS
2004 Rules Governing Public Swimming Pools

DEPTH MARKINGS

Placement:

1. On the vertical wall of the pool and on the edge of the deck next to the swimming pool
2. At points of maximum and minimum depths
3. At the transition point
4. Separate markings for Diving Area depths
5. Not greater than 25 feet apart

Minimum Requirements:

1. At least 4 inches high
2. In contrasting color to background; slip resistant finish
3. Must contain the word "feet" or abbreviation "ft"

NO DIVING

In areas where water is less than 5 feet deep:

1. On the pool deck
2. In contrasting color to background
3. No greater than 25 feet apart

Minimum Requirements:

1. "No Diving" in letters at least 4 inches high
- OR
2. 6 inch by 6 inch international symbol in red & black on a white background

REQUIRED SIGNS

Swimming Pools

- "WARNING-NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY"
- "CHILDREN SHOULD NOT USE THE SWIMMING POOL WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION"
- "ADULTS SHOULD NOT SWIM ALONE"
- The location of the emergency phone if not clearly visible from the pool
- A sign prohibiting pets and glass containers
- Pool Closed sign (for use whenever the pool is closed)
- Dialing instructions, address of the pool location and telephone number
- Sign directing pool users to shower before entering pool

- letters at least 4 inches high
- letters at least 1 inch high
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- no minimum letter size required
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- no minimum size or wording
- Legible, located at the emergency phone
- Visible upon entering the pool

Wading Pools

- "WARNING-NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY"
- The location of the emergency phone if not clearly visible from the pool
- No depth markings are required
- Pool Closed sign (for use when closed)
- "WARNING To prevent serious injury do not allow children in wading pool if drain cover is broken or missing"
- Sign directing pool users to shower before entering pool

- letters at least 4 inches high
- no minimum letter size required
- no minimum size or wording
- letters at least 1/2 inch high (if pool has only one main drain)
- Visible upon entering the pool

Spas

- The location of the emergency phone if not clearly visible from the pool
- No depth markings are required
- Sign requiring a shower for each user and prohibiting oils, body lotion, and minerals in the water
- Pool Closed sign (for use when closed)
- "CAUTION"
 - Pregnant women; elderly persons, and persons suffering from heart disease, diabetes, or high or low blood pressure should not enter the spa/hot tub without prior medical consultation and permission from their doctor;
 - Do not use the spa/hot tub while under the influence of alcohol, tranquilizers, or other drugs that cause drowsiness or that raise or lower blood pressure;
 - Do not use alone;

- no minimum letter size required
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- letters at least 1/2 inch in size
- Unsupervised use by children is prohibited;
- Enter and exit slowly;
- Observe reasonable time limits (that is, 10-15 minutes), then leave the water and cool down before returning for another brief stay;
- Long exposure may result in nausea, dizziness, or fainting;
- Keep all breakable objects out of the area."