## Safety Signs and Equipment Required at Public Pools

**General.** All signs shall have clearly legible letters or numbers not less than 4 inches (102 mm) high, unless otherwise required in this section, affixed to a wall, pole, gate or similar permanent structure in a location visible to all pool users. Signs pictured are only examples; designs may vary.

### NO LIFEGUARD SIGN
- Where no lifeguard service is provided, a warning sign shall be posted stating, "WARNING: NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY." (In letters not less than 4 inches high). The sign also shall state in letters at least 1 inch high, "Children Under the Age of 14 Shall Not Use Pool Without A Parent or Adult Guardian In Attendance."

Replace pool signs with current signage if replacing signs or after pool remodel including ancillary facility.

### ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION AND CPR SIGN
- An illustrated diagram with text at least ¼ inch high of artificial respiration and CPR procedures shall be posted.

### EMERGENCY SIGN
- The emergency telephone number, the number of the nearest emergency services and the name and street address of the pool facility shall be posted.

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### POOL CAPACITY SIGN
- A sign shall indicate the maximum number of pool users permitted for each pool. (In letters and numbers not less than 4 inches high). The pool user capacity of a spa pool shall be based on one pool user for every 10 square feet of pool water surface area. The pool user capacity for all other pools shall be based on one pool user for every 20 square feet of pool water surface area. Pool user capacity requirements do not apply to wading pools or spray grounds.

### NO DIVING SIGN
- Signs shall be posted in conspicuous places and shall state, "NO DIVING" at pools with a maximum water depth of 6 feet or less. (In letters not less than 4 inches high).

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**DIARRHEA NOTICE SIGN** - A sign in letters at least 1 inch (25 mm) high and in a language or diagram that is clearly stated shall be posted at the entrance area of a public pool which states that persons having currently active diarrhea or who have had active diarrhea within the previous 14 days shall not be allowed to enter the pool water.

For pools built after 2012.

**WARNING SIGN FOR A SPA POOL** – A warning sign for spa pools shall be posted stating, “CAUTION” and shall include the following language in letters at least 1 inch (25mm) high:

1. Elderly persons, pregnant women, infants and those with health conditions requiring medical care should consult with a physician before entering the spa.
2. Unsupervised use by children under the age of 14 is prohibited.
3. Hot water immersion while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, drugs or medicines may lead to serious consequences and is not recommended.
4. Do not use alone.
5. Long exposure may result in hyperthermia, nausea, dizziness or fainting.

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**NO USE AFTER DARK** - Where pools were constructed for which lighting was not required, a sign shall be posted at each pool entrance on the outside of the gate(s) stating, “NO USE OF POOL ALLOWED AFTER DARK.”

**KEEP CLOSED SIGN** - A sign shall be posted on the exterior side of gates and doors leading into the pool enclosure area stating, “KEEP CLOSED.” (In letters not less than 4 inches high)

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**EMERGENCY EXIT** - The pool enclosure shall have at least one means of egress without a key for emergency purposes. Unless all gates or doors are so equipped, those gates and/or doors which will allow egress without a key shall have a sign in letters at least 4 inches (102 mm) high stating, “EMERGENCY EXIT.”

A readily accessible life ring (minimum exterior diameter of 17 inches) with attached rope (minimum 3/16 inch diameter) long enough to span the maximum width of the pool is required. (Spas and wading pools are exempt).
Every swimming pool shall have a readily accessible body hook permanently attached to a pole of at least 12 ft. in length.

**WAVE POOLS** - A sign in letters at least 1 inch high shall be posted that describes the requirements for wave pool (when applicable).

**SPRAY GROUNDS** - A sign shall be posted at each spray ground and be visible from any part of the spray ground that states, “CAUTION: WATER IS RE-CIRCULATED. DO NOT DRINK.”

**GASEOUS OXIDIZER** - Where automatic gaseous chlorine chemical feeders are used, a warning sign with the appropriate hazard identification symbol shall be posted on the exterior side of the door entering the chemical feeder room or area. The sign shall state, “DANGER: GASEOUS OXIDIZER (specific chemical name), or as otherwise required by the California Fire Code.

**TURN ON BEFORE ENTERING** - Where automatic gaseous chemical feeders are used, a sign shall be posted at the switch of the light and ventilation system for the gaseous chemical feeder room stating, “TURN ON BEFORE ENTERING”, or as otherwise required by the California Fire Code or the California Electrical Code.