



Iowa Department of Public Health

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Iowa Swimming Pool and Spa Rules

Pool Rules Signage Requirements

Iowa Swimming Pool and Spa Rules (641 IAC Chapter 15) requires signage under section 15.4(6) as follows:

b. Pool rules sign. A legible pool rules sign shall be posted conspicuously at a minimum of two locations within the swimming pool enclosure. The sign shall include the following stipulations:

- (1) No diving in the shallow end of the swimming pool and in other areas marked "No Diving."
- (2) No rough play in or around the swimming pool.
- (3) No running on the deck.

c. Other rules. Management may adopt and post such other rules as it deems necessary to provide for user safety and the proper operation of the facility.

d. "No Lifeguard" signs. Where lifeguards are not provided whenever the pool is open, a sign shall be posted at each entry to a swimming pool or a wading pool.

- (1) The sign(s) at a swimming pool shall state that lifeguards are not on duty and children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- (2) The sign(s) at a wading pool shall state that lifeguards are not on duty and children must be accompanied by an adult.

e. Water slide rules. Rules and restrictions for the use of a water slide shall be posted near the slide. The rules shall address the following as applicable:

- (1) Use limits.
- (2) Attire.
- (3) Riding restrictions.
- (4) Water depth at exit.
- (5) Special rules to accommodate unique aspects of the attraction.
- (6) Special warnings about the relative degree of difficulty.