



Pool Party Safety Standards

Expectations for Party & Party Representatives/Staff

- Although the Municipal Pool provides lifeguards to monitor the activity at the pool, adults from the party are expected to provide additional assistance to ensure that participants follow pool safety guidelines. This expectation is because swimming is a dangerous activity with inherent risks.
- While at the pool, the representatives/staff are expected to work under the direction of the aquatics staff. Full cooperation and coordination will provide the best environment for participants.
- Representatives/Staff are expected to be in a swim attire when supervising pool activities.

Attendance Procedures:

- At the beginning and end of the designated swim time, a head count will be taken by the aquatic staff to be sure that the participants that came to the pool are leaving the pool with designated party representatives.

General Procedures:

- Prior to going to the pool, party representatives should see that none of the party members show signs of illness or unusual fatigue.
- In particular, participants should be checked for fever, open wounds, poison ivy, fatigue and other similar health issues.

Swim Safety Rules

Staff/representatives should review these rules with participants before going to the pool, enforce them at the pool, and consistently model and monitor them. We do expect representatives/staff to model appropriate behaviors and monitor their party.

- On the first swim day of each session, a swim test will be given to each participant to determine their swim level and which areas of the pool they may access.
- Swimmers will be asked to sit on the side of the pool by their designated section until aquatics staff are in position. Once in position, a signal will be given to the swimmers to enter the water.



Pool Rules

SWIM SAFELY

1. Obey the Lifeguard at all times.
2. Lifeguards are on duty to enforce rules and to respond in case of emergency.
3. Breath holding activities are not allowed.
4. City lifeguards assess the swim competency of any swimmer.
5. No DIVING, RUNNING or rough play allowed.

PLAY SAFELY

1. Only coast guard approved personal flotation devices are permitted during recreational swim. No inflatables.
2. Sitting, hanging or crossing over lane lines and dive blocks is not allowed.

RESPECT OTHERS

1. All swimmers must shower in the locker rooms before entering the pool.
2. Appropriate swim attire must be worn at all times. T-shirts are permitted.
3. Alcohol, cannabis, and other drugs are prohibited on premises.
4. Glass containers/bottles, gum and razors are not permitted on site.
5. Non-potty trained children must wear a swim diaper or liner at all times.
6. Changing of clothes/diapers must be completed in the locker rooms.
7. When showering, patrons **MUST** wear appropriate swim attire.

WATCH YOUR KIDS

1. Party & Party Representatives/Staff are responsible for supervising their children.

SLIDE SAFELY

1. Follow direction of Aquatic Staff.
2. Patrons must slide feet first and on their backs. No tricks.
3. Accessories of any kind are not permitted on slide.
4. Swimmers under 14 must pass a swim test to use slide.
5. Slide hours of operation are at the discretion of Pool Management.

Bullhead City is not responsible for any items lost or stolen while at the Bullhead City Municipal Pool.



Procedures at the Pool

- Once admitted, the participants should prepare for swimming. The Party Leader should go to an area of his/her choice and have participants deposit their belongings nearby while they swim. The Party Leader is then responsible for the participants' belongings.
- At the start of the party, lifeguards will conduct a swimming test to determine each participant's level of ability prior to participating in water activities.
 - NOTE: If swimmers have been previously tested, they can alert the lifeguard who will look up the swimmers level and provide him/her with the corresponding wristband.
- The result of this test will determine which wristband the child receives (**RED**, **YELLOW** or **GREEN**). Staff must ensure that participants only swim in the pool area for which they have qualified.
 - **RED** Swimmers are considered Non-Swimmers and must remain in the beach entry area.
 - **YELLOW** Swimmers are swimmers who are comfortable in the water but do not possess the endurance to be a **GREEN** Swimmer.
 - **GREEN** Swimmers are swimmers who have demonstrated their swimming endurance during the swim test.
- Representatives/Staff is on duty during the entire swim time and is expected to participate in the swim activities, be aware of non-swimmers, and help monitor their safety.
- Representatives/Staff will monitor water play, ensure appropriate behaviors of participants that are in and around the pool and attend to any other matters involving safety and conduct.

Party Swim Test Procedures are as follows:

- Swimmers will start by swimming the width of a multi-lane lap pool in the shallow end.
 - Swimmers who do not take the swim test, touch the pool floor, grab the wall or do not demonstrate adequate endurance during this swim will be **RED** swimmers.
 - Swimmers who demonstrate good endurance during the primary swim will then be asked to swim the length of a 25 yd. pool.
 - Swimmers who are not able to complete the swim confidently, will be **YELLOW** swimmers.
 - Swimmers who are able to complete both swims will then be asked to tread water for a minimum of 30 seconds.
 - Swimmers who are not able to confidently complete the swims and tread, will be **YELLOW** swimmers.



- **GREEN** swimmers are those able to complete both swims and the tread portion.

Safety Drills

Periodically during the summer, we will have a facility wide Drop Drills and Red Cap Drills. These Drills are a way for the aquatic staff to assess the emergency action plan (EAP). During a red cap drill or any rescue situation, please help the lifeguards clear the pool and report to the grass area for a head count. After the pool is clear, keep your party in this area and away from the pool.