



What Should I Observe When I Enter A Safe Pool?

Organizations with pools should encourage regular observation by all staff. Management staff can use the guidelines below for basic regular observation of a safe pool environment.

These items should always be evident at a Safe Pool:

- √ Natatorium, pool and deck are well-lighted
- √ The deck area is free from clutter and all equipment properly stored
- √ The water is clear and the bottom and/or drain cover(s) are visible
- √ The air, temperature and general environment are comfortable
- √ Lifeguard(s) is positioned at the edge of the pool and actively scanning
- √ Lifeguard(s) is holding a rescue tube and has a whistle, pocket mask and gloves
- √ Lifeguard is appropriately attired and easily recognizable
- √ If seated, the Guard is in an elevated Guard Stand
- √ A push-button emergency alarm is available
- √ The pool rules are clearly posted

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