



Components of an Aquatic Safety Plan

A safety plan is composed of the following components:

1. Aquatic facility characteristics: A comprehensive description of the facility that includes location information, such as name and physical address; physical information, such as square footage and water depth; any special features, such as aquatic play structures and diving boards; and facility diagrams for a visual reference
2. Staffing plan: A plan that designates the members of a facility's safety team and includes roles and responsibilities for each member and the policies and procedures to follow when providing effective, active supervision of bathers and lifeguard staff
3. Emergency response and communication plan: A plan that identifies the objectives that need to be met for a specific type of emergency, who will respond, what each person's role will be during the response, and what equipment is required as part of the response
4. Preservice training plan for lifeguards: A plan that identifies required certification training, preemployment testing, and preservice training (orientation), which ensures that lifeguard staff have appropriate training prior to service
5. In-service training plan: A plan that outlines the ongoing training required of lifeguards during the course of employment, including the frequency of training, maintenance of certifications, demonstration of water competency and test-ready skills, and documentation
6. Biohazard plan: An action plan composed of a bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan and a fecal/vomit/blood contamination response plan as specified in Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) regulations and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, as well as state or local regulations or guidelines



Aquatic Safety Plan Outline

1. Aquatic Facility Characteristics
 - a. Description of Facility
 - b. Pool Diagrams
2. Staffing Plan
 - a. Safety Team Members
 - b. Bather Supervision
 - c. Additional Bather Supervision
 - d. Lifeguard Zones
 - e. Lifeguard Rotations and Breaks
 - f. Secondary Duties
 - g. Use of Technology in Emergency Response and Monitoring
 - h. Supervision Protocol
 - i. Off-Site Aquatic Activity Supervision
3. Emergency Response and Communication Plan
 - a. Safety Team Roles and Responsibilities
 - b. Emergency Action Plan
 - c. Facility Evacuation Plan
 - d. Communication Plan
 - e. Inclement Weather Plan
 - f. Accidental Chemical Release Plan
4. Preservice Training Plan for Lifeguards
 - a. Certification Training
 - b. Preemployment Testing
 - c. Preservice Training (Orientation)
5. In-Service Training
 - a. In-Service Training Frequency
 - b. Maintenance of Certifications
 - c. Demonstration of Competency and Test-Ready Skills
 - d. Documentation
6. Biohazard Action Plan
 - a. Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan
 - b. Fecal/Vomit/Blood Contamination Response Plan