

SWIMMING AND WADING RULES MATRIX (2011)

Child Care Facilities with On-Premises Swimming/Wading

	Wading Pools (up to 24" deep)	Swimming Pools (over 24" deep)
Written policies & procedures including emergency plans & procedures (15.4.1 and 15.4.2)	x	x
Emergency procedures including drills, policies & procedures posted (15.4.3)		x
Pool Safety Rules posted (15.4.4)		x
Basic Safety Instructions for children (15.4.5)	x	x
Safety Checklist (15.4.6)		x
Water Safety Attendant on duty (CPR/1 st Aid only)(15.4.7.3)	x	
Water Safety Attendant on duty (w/ 4 hr course) (for less than 4' deep and 16' wide) (15.4.7.1.2)		x
Lifeguard on duty (for 4' deep or more and 16' wide) (15.4.7.1.3)		x
Water safety attendants stationed outside and next to pool (15.4.9.2)		x
4 hour training for on-site directors (15.4.13)	x	x
Children within sight and sound of staff (15.4.8)	x	x
Meet Staff-Child Ratios (15.4.9.2)	x	x
Water Safety Attendant count in staff ratio (15.4.9.4)	x	
Identification of Non-swimmers (15.4.10)		x
Coast Guard approved flotation devices for all non-swimmers (15.4.11)		x
Written permission for participation in swim/wade activities (11.1.1.16)	x	x

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Family Child Care Programs with On-Premises Swimming/Wading

	Wading Pools (up to 24" deep)	Swimming Pools (over 24" deep)
Written Policies & Procedures including emergency plans & procedures (11.4.1)	x	x
Emergency procedures including drills, policies & procedures posted (11.5.3)		x
Pool Safety Rules posted (11.5.4)		x
Basic Safety Instructions for children (11.5.5)	x	x
Safety Checklist (11.5.6)		x
Water Safety Attendant on duty (CPR/1 st Aid only) (11.5.7.2)	x	
Water Safety Attendant on duty (w/ 4 hr course) (11.5.7.1)		x
Lifeguard on duty for 4' deep or more if a non-swimming rescue is not feasible (11.5.6.2)		x
4 hour training for providers (11.5.12)	x	x
Children within sight and sound of staff (11.5.8)	x	x
Meet Staff-Child Ratios (11.5.9)	x	x
Water Safety Attendant count in staff ratio (11.5.9.4)	x	
Water safety attendants stationed outside and next to pool (11.5.9.2)		x
Identification of non-swimmers (11.5.11)		x
Coast Guard approved flotation devices for all non-swimmers (11.5.11)		x
Written permission for participation in swim/wade activities (8.1.1.5)	x	x

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Off-Site Swimming and Wading Activities

	Lakes and Ponds	Ocean	Other Off-Site Activities
Written Policies and Procedures including emergency plans and procedures	x	x	x
Emergency plan	x	x	x
Basic Safety Instructions for children	x	x	x
4 hour training for on-site directors	x	x	x
Written permission for participation in swim/wade activities	x	x	x
Parental notice that no lifeguard is on duty	x		
Written parental permission for lakes & ponds activities	x		
Identification of non-swimmers	x	x	x
Coast Guard Approved flotation devices	x	x	x
At least one staff trained water safety attendant	x	x	x
Children within sight and sound of staff	x	x	x
Meet Staff-Child Ratios	x	x	x
Water Safety Plan for Lakes and Ponds includes:	x		
Same child to staff ratios as for pools			
At least 2 staff when there is no lifeguard			
If no lifeguard, water safety attendant w/ basic water safety course			
16 x 16 barrier around swimming/wading area that is 4' or less deep			
W/ no lifeguard, children under 8 yrs. must wear a CGA flotation device			
W/ no lifeguard, children over 8 yrs. must wear a CGA flotation device if not able to swim			

For all off-site activities. For swimming and wading activities away from the child care facility premises, the child care facility must provide an adequate number of water safety attendants, including lifeguards, as required by these rules, if the wading pool, swimming pool, beach, lake or water park operator does not.

Water Safety Attendant on duty (CPR/1st Aid only) for wading activities

For Lakes and Ponds: Water Safety Attendant on duty (w/ 4 hr course) for lakes and ponds if other rules for lakes and pond are met

For ocean swimming or wading: There needs to be a lifeguard on duty at the beach (provided by the Child Care program if there is not one provider by the beach operator).