

Signage Requirements

for Water Recreation Facilities in Washington State

(a) Owners shall provide and maintain signage specifying user rules and safety information required by this section in a conspicuous place in the pool area with easily readable lettering at least three-eighths of an inch high. All swimming, spa and wading pool facilities must have signs stating pool rules:

- (i) Prohibiting use by anyone running or participating in horseplay;
- (ii) Prohibiting use by anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- (iii) Prohibiting use by anyone with a communicable disease or anyone who has been ill with vomiting or diarrhea within the last two weeks;
- (iv) Prohibiting anyone from bringing food or drink into the pool water;
- (v) Requiring everyone to have a cleansing shower before entering the pool;
- (vi) Requiring anyone in diapers to wear protective covering to prevent contamination;
- (vii) Requiring diapers to be changed at designated diaper change areas;
- (viii) Warning patrons that anyone refusing to obey the pool rules is subject to removal from the premises;
- (ix) Directing patrons to the location of the nearest telephone and first-aid kit for emergency use;
- (x) Advising patrons that anyone with seizure, heart, or circulatory problems should swim with a buddy; and
- (xi) Where diving boards are used, provide signs for proper use.

(b) All swimming, spa, and wading pool facilities where lifeguards or attendants are not present shall have signs stating additional pool rules that:

- (i) If a child twelve years of age or less is using the pool, a responsible adult eighteen years of age or older must accompany the child and be at the pool or pool deck at all times the child uses the facility; and
- (ii) If an individual between thirteen years of age and seventeen years of age is using the pool, at least one other person must be at the pool facility.

(c) All spa pool facilities must have signs stating additional pool rules:

- (i) Cautioning that children under the age of six should not use a spa pool;
- (ii) Cautioning that persons suffering from heart disease, diabetes, or high blood pressure should consult a physician before using a spa pool;
- (iii) Cautioning that women who are or might be pregnant seek physician's advice regarding using a spa pool;
- (iv) Cautioning everyone to limit the stay in the spa pool to fifteen minutes at any one session; and
- (v) Posting the maximum bather capacity of each spa pool.

(d) All spray pool facilities must have signs stating pool rules as specified in (a)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), and (viii) of this subsection.

