

The following is an excerpt from the State Board of Health Water Recreation Facilities Regulations **Chapter 246-260-131(5) WAC** (*effective October 31, 2004*) regarding requirements for signage. Please be advised that signs indicating the following information must be posted:

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 the following pool rules:

- With a lifeguard:
 - 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 refuses 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.
- Additional pool rules where lifeguard or attendant are **not present**:
 - 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.
- Additional pool rules for spa pool facilities:
 - 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.

Attachments: Example Pool Sign
Example Spa Sign

EXAMPLE ONLY

Swimming Pool Rule Sign:

(Check regulation requirements WAC 246-260-131(5), these regulation require that **lettering must be 3/8 inches high**)

Swimming Pool Rules

- ❖ Persons refusing to obey rules are subject to removal from premises.
- ❖ When lifeguards or attendants are not present:
 - Children age 12 and under must be supervised at the pool facility by a responsible adult [age 18 and over] at all times the child is at the pool; and
 - Persons age 13 – 17 must not use pool alone.
- ❖ Do not use pool when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- ❖ No running on deck or horseplay in the pool.
- ❖ Health Advisory:
 - If you have a communicable disease that can be transmitted by water or have been ill with diarrhea or vomiting in the last two weeks, do not use the pool.
 - Persons with seizure, heart or circulatory problems are advised to swim with a buddy.
- ❖ Cleansing shower required before using pool.
- ❖ Diaper Rules:
 - Persons wearing diapers are required to have protective coverings such as tight fitting rubber pants.
 - Diapers to be changed in designated diaper-changing area only.
- ❖ Food or drink is prohibited in the pool.
- ❖ Closest phone for Emergency 911 call is located at:

- ❖ The location of the First Aid Kit/Blanket is:

EXAMPLE ONLY

Spa Pool Rule Sign:

(Check regulation requirements WAC 246-260-131(5), these regulation require that **lettering must be 3/8 inches high**)

Spa Pool Rules

- ❖ Persons refusing to obey rules are subject to removal from premises.
- ❖ When lifeguards or attendants are not present:
 - Children age 12 and under must be supervised at the spa pool facility by a responsible adult [age 18 and over] at all times the child is at the spa pool; and
 - Persons age 13 – 17 must not use spa pool alone.
- ❖ Health Advisory:
 - Children under age 6 should not use spa pool.
 - Persons suffering from heart disease, diabetes, or high blood pressure should consult a physician before using spa pool.
 - Women who are or might be pregnant should seek physician's advice regarding use of spa pool.
 - Persons with seizure, heart or circulatory problems are advised to swim with a buddy.
 - Spa users should limit the stay in the spa pool to fifteen minutes at any one session.
 - If you have a communicable disease that can be transmitted by water or have been ill with diarrhea or vomiting in the last two weeks, do not use the spa pool.
- ❖ No running on deck or horseplay in the spa pool area.
- ❖ Do not use spa pool when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- ❖ Cleansing shower required before using the spa pool.
- ❖ Persons wearing diapers are required to have protective coverings such as tight fitting rubber pants, and changed in designated area.
- ❖ Food or drink is prohibited in the spa pool.
- ❖ The maximum bather capacity of this spa pool is _____.
- ❖ Closest phone for Emergency 911 call is located at:

- ❖ The location of the First Aid Kit/Blanket is:
