

ABC's of Diving Board Maintenance

ADOPT training practices and policies for pool staff that will be monitoring diving board activity.

BE sure the installation of the diving board meets code requirements.

CREATE routine habits of checking to make sure everything involving the diving board is running smoothly.

DEVELOP a plan to ensure policies and safety regulations are met and are reviewed on a regular basis.

ENSURE pool staff write regular reports on the pool and diving board conditions.

FAMILIARIZE yourself and staff with a pool rulebook of proper safety guides surrounding the diving board.

GIVE and display instructions that diving board users should jump into the pool and not on the diving board.

HOLD monthly staff meetings to update staff on training and provide refreshers on procedures.

INSTALL adequate lighting in the pool and diving area. Replace any burnt out bulbs when the area is not in use.

JUMP in after verifying the water is deep enough to do so.

KEEP the diving board closed to patrons during free swim. This reduces the risk of potential accidents.

LEAD by example and always display good safety characteristics.

MAKE note of any, and all accidents and be sure training includes how to prevent them in the future.

NEVER allow trick dives without a trained instructor watching. Trick dives increase the risk of injury.

OPTIMIZE the lifespan of your diving board by ensuring it is properly maintained to limit wear and tear.

PROPERLY mark diving areas with depth and warning signs.

QUALITY inspections should be performed regularly to ensure everything is in perfect working order.

REDUCE the risk of potential accidents by ensuring everyone is informed and knowledgeable on the safety procedures regarding the diving board.

SECURE pool fencing when not in use to ensure no one is able to enter.

TEACH staff how to properly monitor and supervise the diving board. Proper training for staff helps to prevent accidents.

UNDERSTAND that water is fun for all ages but not always safe. Age and ability restrictions should be posted beside the diving board.

VERIFY that the diving board is made out of slip-proof material. Slippery spots can be extremely dangerous.

WORK the staff schedule to ensure the diving board is always monitored by a lifeguard when in use.

X'TREME caution should be used when diving.

YIELD signage should be posted for the diving board users because the swimmers in the water have the right of way.

ZANY antics will not be tolerated on the diving board. Accidents are more likely to happen when people get carried away. Make this one of your rules and ensure patrons abide by it.

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