

ATTENTION: POOL OPERATOR

RE: LIFEGUARD SERVICE

Placer County Environmental Health is the agency that is responsible for regulating public swimming pools. Our inspections are based on the California Code of Regulations (Title 22), California Building Code (Title 24), and the California Health and Safety Code. The following is an update on legislation that may apply to your facility and its operation:

- Lifeguard service is defined as person(s) at a public pool having current certificates from an American Red Cross or YMCA of USA, lifeguard training program or has equivalent qualifications as determined by the Californian Department of Public Health. 116028
- Person(s) providing aquatic instruction, including but not limited to swimming instruction, water safety instruction, water contact activities such as water aerobics, and competitive aquatic sports at a public swimming pool shall possess current certificates from American Red Cross or YMCA of the USA, lifeguard training program or have equivalent qualifications. In addition, these persons shall be certified in standard first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). 116033
- A lifeguard service is required when there is a direct fee.

Given the above information:

- Lifeguard service is required at any facility where a fee is charged for the exclusive use of a public pool. This would include municipal pools where a fee is charged for each use and those membership related facilities where pools are the exclusive attraction.
- Lifeguard service is required at any facility that provides aquatic instruction including, but not limited to swimming, diving, water safety, water contact activities such as water aerobics, and competitive aquatic sports.

Please be advised that should the above requirements apply to your facility, you will be required to show proof of required certifications during your pool inspection.

*If you have any questions or concerns,
please contact the appropriate Environmental Health office.*