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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sign Requirements for Public Pool Facilities

- The following requirements can be found in the September 1, 2012 Supplement to Title 24, Part 2, Volume 2 of the 2010 CA Building Code.
- Requirements apply to all new and existing public pool facilities effective September 1, 2012.

Note: Pool or public pool is defined as an artificial basin, chamber or tank constructed or prefabricated with impermeable surfaces that is used, or intended to be used, for public swimming, diving or recreational activities but does not include individual therapeutic tubs or baths where the main purpose is the cleaning of the body.

The following signs are required:

All signs shall have clearly legible **letters or numbers not less than 4 inches** (102 mm) high (unless otherwise required.) (Sec. 3120B.1)

SIGN	LOCATION	REQUIRED FOR:	EXAMPLE
<p><u>POOL CAPACITY</u> A sign shall indicate the maximum number of pool users permitted for each pool. (3120B.2)</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Capacity of a spa pool shall be based on one person for every 10 square feet of spa pool water surface area.</p> <p>Capacity for all other pools shall be based on one person for every 20 square feet of pool water surface area.</p>	<p>Sign shall be affixed to a wall, pole, gate, or similar permanent structure in a location visible to all pool users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools • Spas 	 
<p><u>NO DIVING</u> Pools with a maximum water depth of 6 feet or less shall have a sign stating, "No Diving." (3120B.3)</p>	<p>Signs must be posted in conspicuous places easily visible from all areas of pool enclosure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools • Spas 	

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<p><u>Keep Closed</u> A sign shall be posted stating, "Keep Closed." (3120B.10)</p>	<p>Sign shall be posted on the exterior side of gates and doors leading into the pool enclosure area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools • Spas 	
<p><u>No Lifeguard on Duty</u> Where no lifeguard service is provided a warning sign shall be posted stating, "WARNING: NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY." The sign also shall state in letters at least 1 inch (25 mm) high, "Children under the age of 14 shall not use pool without a parent or adult guardian in attendance." (3120B.4)</p>	<p>Sign shall be affixed to a wall, pole, gate or similar permanent structure in a location visible to all pool users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools • Spas • Spray Grounds 	<p>WARNING: NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY Children under the age of 14 shall not use pool without parent or adult guardian in attendance</p>
<p><u>CPR</u> An illustrated diagram with text at least ¼ inch (6 mm) high of artificial respiration and CPR procedures. (3120B.5)</p>	<p>Sign shall be affixed to a wall, pole, gate or similar permanent structure in a location visible to all pool users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools • Spas • Spray Grounds 	
<p><u>EMERGENCY SIGN</u> The emergency telephone number 911, the emergency number of the nearest emergency services (Fire Department) and the name and street address of the pool facility shall be posted. (3120B.6)</p>	<p>Sign shall be affixed to a wall, pole, gate or similar permanent structure in a location visible to all pool users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools • Spas • Spray Grounds 	<p>EMERGENCY Dial 911 Nearest Emergency Services: Santa Cruz Fire Dept. 831-471-1170 Facility Name: ABC Apartments Facility Address: 123 Broadway</p>
<p><u>DIARRHEA SIGN</u> A sign in letters at least 1 inch (25 mm) high and in a language or diagram which clearly states that persons having currently active diarrhea or who have had active diarrhea within the previous 14 days shall not be allowed to enter the pool water. (3120B.11)</p>	<p>Sign shall be posted at the entrance area(s) of a public pool.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools • Spas • Spray Grounds 	

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<p><u>SPA WARNING SIGN</u> A warning sign for spa pools shall be posted stating, “CAUTION” and shall include the following language in letters at least 1 inch (25 mm) high. (3120B.7)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elderly persons, pregnant women, infants and those with health conditions requiring medical care should consult with a physician before entering the spa. 2. Unsupervised use by children under the age of 14 is prohibited. 3. Hot water immersion while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, or medicines may lead to serious consequences and is not recommended. 4. Do not use alone. 5. Long exposure may result in hyperthermia, nausea, dizziness, or fainting. 	<p>Sign shall be affixed to a wall, pole, gate or similar permanent structure in a location visible to all pool users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spas 	
<p><u>Emergency shut off</u> Sign in letters at least 1 inch (25 mm) high and stating, “EMERGENCY SHUT OFF SWITCH.” (3120B.8)</p>	<p>Sign shall be posted at the spa emergency shut off switch.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spas 	
<p><u>SPRAY GROUND</u> Spray ground shall have a sign posted that states, “CAUTION: WATER IS RECIRCULATED. DO NOT DRINK.” (3120b.13)</p>	<p>Sign shall be posted at each spray ground and be visible from any part of the spray ground.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spray Grounds 	

Additional Signs May Be Required For:

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<p><u>KEYED GATES</u> If a pool enclosure has gates that require a key to exit, those gates and/or doors which will allow egress without a key shall have a sign stating, "EMERGENCY EXIT." (3119b.2 (3))</p>	<p>Sign shall be posted on gates/doors where keyless egress is possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools • Spas 	
<p><u>NO POOL LIGHTS</u> If pool was constructed without lighting or if lighting is inoperable, a sign shall be posted stating, "NO USE OF POOL ALLOWED AFTER DARK." (3120B.9)</p>	<p>Sign shall be posted at each pool entrance on the outside of the gate(s).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools • Spas 	

*Additional signs are required for wave pools and facilities using gaseous chlorine. See <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/codes/Errata/State/CA/520S1205.pdf> for details.

For further information regarding Public Pools, please contact Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Service at (831) 454-2022 or go to our website www.scceh.com