

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Admission Standards for Public Pools

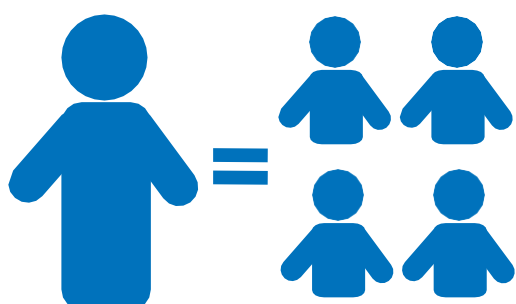
Admission Standards for Public Pools were developed by the Office of the Chief Coroner to assist lifeguards and assistant lifeguards to maintain adequate surveillance over the whereabouts and activities of young bathers while they are inside the pool enclosure. The Ministry of Health and Long- Term Care strongly supports these recommendations for the purpose of preventing injuries and fatalities.

- Children under the age of 10 who are non-swimmers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 12 years of age and responsible for their direct supervision.
- Children aged 6-9 may be admitted to the swimming pool unaccompanied if they can demonstrate comfort in the water and pass the facility swim test administered by a lifeguard.
- All children under the age of 6 years must be accompanied and directly supervised by a guardian, with a maximum of 2 children for each parent or guardian.
- Guardians or group leaders should be at least 12 years of age.

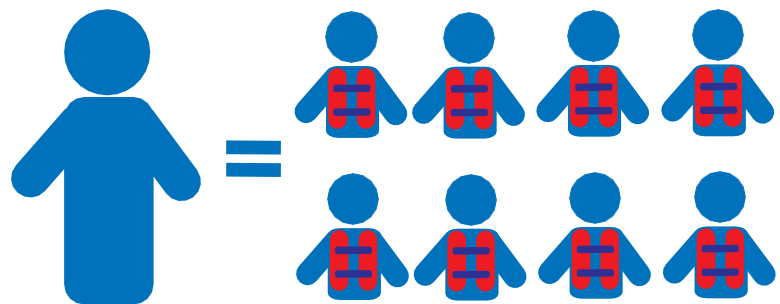
Class B Public Pools that do not require lifeguards still require bathers under 12 years of age to be accompanied by a parent or his or her agent who is not less than 16 years of age.

## Recommended Supervision Ratio

### Children under 10 years of age



1 adult for every 4 children



1 adult for every 8 children with life jackets



Tested swimmers permitted to enter alone



Children under 6 admitted only with parent or guardian



\* Class B Public Pools (no lifeguards)  
Children under 12 admitted only with parent or guardian no less than 16 years of age.