



Calculating Bather Capacity in a Public Swimming Pool

Pools:

Area of pool with depths of 5 feet or less...

- One person is permitted for each **15** square feet of pool water surface.

Area of pool with depths of over 5 feet...

- One person is permitted for each **25** square feet of pool water surface less 300 square feet per diving board and/or slide (add 10 persons for each board and slide).

Spas:

Spas must be limited to **1** user for each **3** linear feet of bench as measured along the front edge of the bench.

Diving area restriction:

An area of 300 square feet must be reserved around each diving board, diving platform, or slide. The area must not be used in computing pool capacity. Instead, 10 persons are added to the final capacity for each diving board, platform, or slide.

Additional user capacity is permitted at pools with extensive deck areas used by patrons for lounging or sunbathing. These persons are not to be included in the posted pool capacity.

To report a suspected waterborne or foodborne illness, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 1-877-366-3455 (or 651-201-5655 from the Twin Cities) or email health.foodill@state.mn.us.

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