

Pool Attendant

At-a-glance

Provides knowledge of wading pool operations, waterslides, amusement devices and lifesaving skills to prevent injuries and promote the safe use of the facilities. The course identifies the role and responsibilities of a Pool Attendant and provides training in how the attendant can identify, control and eliminate risks and hazards through facility analysis.

Test Items

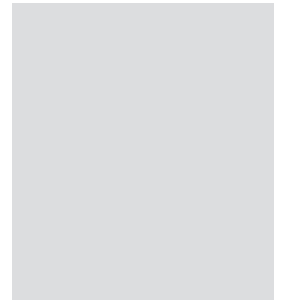
Notes

- All items in Pool Attendant are instructor-evaluated.

1. **The Lifesaving Society:** Demonstrate knowledge of the Lifesaving Society and awareness of its training program opportunities.
2. **Theory and practice:** Through practical activities, candidates demonstrate an understanding of the following in a wading pool setting:
 - Explain the role and responsibilities of the Pool Attendant in terms of role-modelling, public relations, accident prevention, rescue response, operations, maintenance, and challenges when working alone at a wading pool.
 - Define the legal obligations of the attendant in terms of duty and standard of care, liability and negligence.
 - Provide examples of regulations that govern workplace health and safety for Pool Attendants (e.g., WHMIS, Occupational Health and Safety, Worker's Compensation) and legislation regarding harassment and violence in the workplace.
 - Provide examples of regulations and guidelines that govern provincial wading pools, waterslides and amusement devices (e.g., Guide to Ontario Public Pools Regulation, Technical Standards & Safety Authority [TSSA]: Amusement Devices Act).
 - Explain the hazardous nature of chemicals used in aquatic environments and the special training required for their safe handling.
 - Documentation including but not limited to: bather load, incidents/accidents/injuries, fouling, customer complaints and maintenance logs (e.g., pH, chlorine, water clarity and weather).

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Skill Items

3. **Communication:** Demonstrate effective communication with patrons (adults, teens, children), victims, other attendants, supervisors and emergency service personnel.
4. **Aquatic facility analysis:** Demonstrate an understanding of:
 - Features that vary from wading pool to wading pool (or vary from time to time) and how analysis of these affects their job.
 - The role of water treatment systems in providing a safe and comfortable bather environment.
 - Environmental hazards of wading pools, amusement devices and play structures.
 - Inspection and operation of waterslides, amusement devices and play structures.
5. **Drowning resuscitation:** On a manikin, demonstrate single-rescuer adult, child, and infant drowning resuscitation including ability to deal with complications.
6. **Victim recognition:** In the water, simulate the appearance of an unconscious victim, and an injured victim.
7. **Spinal injury management:** Respond to a breathing or non-breathing suspected spinal-injured victim located in shallow water or on land.

Judgment Items

- 8a. **Surveillance:** positioning and rotation: Demonstrate effective positioning and rotation.
- 8b. **Surveillance:** scanning and observation: Demonstrate effective observation skills and scanning techniques.
- 8c. **Surveillance:** prevention and intervention: Demonstrate an ability to recognize situations in which early intervention may prevent a rescue emergency.
9. **Management of an injured victim:** Demonstrate effective management of an injured victim.
10. **Rescue: non-breathing victim:** Perform a rescue of a non-breathing victim located in the water at a wading pool. Remove victim and perform CPR on a manikin.