

CAMP READINESS – AQUATICS

*Use this checklist to help assess your organization's camp readiness

√ GENERAL AQUATICS PRACTICES	COMMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Qualified and experienced aquatics management team	
<input type="checkbox"/> Management team remains current on research and trends in industry	
<input type="checkbox"/> All lifeguard certifications are complete, up-to-date, and on file for review	
<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate lifeguard-to-swimmer ratios maintained at all times	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguards do not work in positions beyond their certified training	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguards and attendants are easily recognizable as aquatics professional with a formal uniform that consists of t-shirt with logo, visor, rescue tube and swimsuit	
<input type="checkbox"/> "Front-line" on-deck supervision is present, easily recognizable and actively involved in the operation of the facility or waterfront	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguards have personal protection from the sun and elements	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguards have been instructed on (1) how to look (2) what to look for and (3) receive regular & formal feedback from supervisor on quality of "scanning"	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguards can effectively see their entire "zone of responsibility"	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguards practice "vigilance" in scanning zone of responsibility consistently and within appropriate time-frame (industry standard = 10 to 15 seconds)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguards practice a consistent "scanning pattern" while maintaining vigilance over zone of responsibility	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguards are rotated and/or relieved on a scheduled basis (i.e. every 30 to 45 minutes)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Facility maintains detailed drawings of each "zone of responsibility". Drawings are located in such a place as to serve as constant reminders to all lifeguards	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rescue equipment is readily available to staff, including but not limited to (1) rescue tube (2) personal protective equipment (3) whistle and (4) functional backboard	
<input type="checkbox"/> In-Service lifeguard trainings are conducted on a monthly basis, and documented	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness drills are routinely scheduled and documented	
<input type="checkbox"/> Internal audits/quick-checks are performed multiple times daily to ensure lifeguards are "rescue ready", properly equipped, alert and appropriately positioned	
<input type="checkbox"/> Formal, documented swim-tests have been performed for all camper and outside user/rental groups	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clearly defined and consistent process is documented and in place to dispatch riders on any slides or attraction where potential for contact injuries exist	
<input type="checkbox"/> Effective means for communication is in place for all water slide operations (including sensors, phones, flags and lines of sight)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Site-specific emergency plan is well-documented, all staff and lifeguards are trained and plan is reviewed at least annually	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication system used by staff in the event of an emergency situation is well-defined and routinely tested	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency response is in place and staff have been trained to respond to an unwanted release of chemicals (or other biohazard)	
<input type="checkbox"/> AED's are readily available and staff is trained on their use	
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization has worked closely with local EMS providers to assess emergency response times	
<input type="checkbox"/> Local EMS has participated with in-service trainings and drills	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drain covers and grates routinely inspected, are secure, intact, free from debris and other visible hazards	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom and main drains of pool and attractions are clearly visible during all hours of operation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool ladders securely anchored	
<input type="checkbox"/> Depth markers clearly visible, floating rope divides shallow from deep water	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool deck is slip-resistant and free of slip & fall hazards and deck clutter	
<input type="checkbox"/> All rescue statistics/near misses are documented for annual review by safety committee and management team	

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