

Required Emergency Equipment for Swimming Pools

As per WAC 246-260-090, all permitted pools must have emergency equipment available during all hours of operation.

For limited use pools: (apartments, hotels, homeowners' associations)

1. A telephone within 1 minute access
2. A suitable area to accommodate persons requiring first-aid treatment
3. A standard 16 unit first aid kit
4. A blanket reserved for emergency use
5. A reaching pole at least 12 feet long with a double crook life hook
6. A reaching pole at least 12 feet long for every 1500 square feet of pool surface area
7. A throwing buoy, throw-rope bag, or other similar device with a rope the width of the pool or 50 feet long, whichever is less, for reaching and retrieving a victim

First Aid Standard 16 Unit Kit should include the following:

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| 1 package absorbent gauze 24"x 72" | 2 packages bandage compresses 4" |
| 1 package adhesive bandages 1" (16 per package) | 1 package eye dressing |
| 1 package individualized antiseptic pads (3 per package) | 2 packages triangular bandages 40" |
| Surgical gloves (2 pair minimum , 4 recommended) | scissors and tweezers |
| Adhesive gauze or elastic or self-adherent wrap roll material | first aid cream or antibiotic ointment |
| CPR mask (disposable or reusable type) | 1 cold pack |
| 1 package ½" or 1' rolls of tape (2 rolls per package) | 1 package butterfly bandage |
| 1 package knuckle or fingertip bandages | 1 body fluid clean-up kit |



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