



Is Your Swimming Pool Safe: A Quick Checklist on Pool Safety Standards

Summertime means fun in the sun, and likely time spent poolside with family and friends.

As drowning remains the number one unintentional cause of death for children in the U.S. ages 1 to 4, and the second leading cause among children ages 5 to 14, it is important to make pool safety a top priority this summer.

Cohen Milstein's Complex Tort Litigation team has prepared a quick checklist on what to look for when evaluating the safety of public swimming pools:

- **Are there adequate layers of security?** According to major safety organizations, including the [American Red Cross](#), the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#), and the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), public swimming pools should have adequate layers of protection. At a minimum, all swimming pools should have a child safety fence with self-locking doors and gates.
- **Is the pool really closed?** [American National Standard for Public Swimming Pools \(ANSPP\)](#) advocates that when a public pool is closed for use, a secondary lock system be put in place to prevent access.
- **Are utility or service gates secure?** The [International Swimming Pool and Spa Code](#) recommends that gates not intended for pedestrian use, such as utility or service gates, remain locked when not in use.
- **What happens during bad weather?** [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) advocates that swimming pool activity should be prohibited during inclement weather.
- **Are there safety devices?** [ANSPP](#) requires that public pools always have safety hooks and flotation devices mounted in easy to see places and that are readily available for use and that all pools with a slope transition have safety line anchors and a safety line in place.

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