
	<p>SWIMMING</p> <p>SWIMMING POOLS UNDER INSTRUCTION</p>	 <p>Bracknell Forest Council</p>
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<p><u>DESCRIPTION:</u></p> <p>Any form of swimming teaching or other swimming related activity in a swimming pool.</p>
<p><u>QUALIFICATIONS:</u></p> <p>The leader and other support staff must have a suitable swimming qualification and have knowledge of the swimming pool to be visited.</p> <p>There must be qualified lifeguards in attendance on the pool side or the instructor must have a recognised rescue qualification.</p>
<p><u>STAFFING RATIO:</u></p> <p>Variable depending on age and competence of the swimmers and which should be assessed by the teacher / instructor but no more than a maximum of 20 / 1.</p>
<p><u>PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:</u></p> <p>Acceptable swimming costumes, Swimming hats, Goggles should conform to the British safety standard for surface swimming goggles BS 5883 – 1996, If outdoors protection against UV light should be considered.</p>
<p><u>HAZARDS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Splash pools. • Collisions with other swimmers • Wave machines • Slips and falls • Deep water
<p><u>GUIDANCE:</u></p> <p>Swimming is a high risk activity and the leader should have a comprehensive management plan and approval from Bracknell Forest Council. Staff and pupils must be familiar with the rules and guidance of the pool facility. Swimming pools have a potential to be high risk if not controlled. Staff should therefore be present in addition to swimming pool personnel to ensure acceptable behaviour.</p>
<p><u>OTHER INFORMATION:</u></p> <p>British Swimming: http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/</p>