



# Portage County Combined General Health District Pool & Spa Program

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## Accidents & Incidents Happen

*Accidents and incidents may happen on your property. Any fecal/blood/vomit incident or accident resulting in serious injury, death or assistance from medical personnel shall be recorded as required by the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) as detailed below. All records shall be maintained for two years.*

### Personal Injury

- ◆ OAC 3701-31-04(a)(x)
- ◆ The OAC requires the operator of a public swimming pool to prohibit patrons with an obvious infectious wound from using the pool.
- ◆ Weekly Pool and Operation and Incident Report Form available at:  
<http://www.odh.ohio.gov//media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/eh/PSP/weeklyoperationreport.pdf?la=en>
- ◆ **Record:** The operator is required to record **all** injuries.
- ◆ **Report:** Name, age, address, phone number, and sex of injured person. Along with the name of the facility and address where accident occurred.
- ◆ **Describe the incident:** Date, time, was the facility open at the time of incident, lifeguards present, witnesses, water depth in feet and inches, setting and the location.
- ◆ **Describe the injury:** Type of injury and area injured.
- ◆ **Actions taken:** Whether EMS was called and/or injured person was transported to a medical facility. Was the injured person immobilized, oxygen supplied, and rescue breathing/resuscitation required? Did staff offer or provide first aid? Did injured person return to water activity?

### Fecal/Blood/Vomit Accidents

- ◆ OAC 3701-31-04(a)(xi)
- ◆ The OAC requires that operators of public swimming pools are to prohibit patrons that are observed passing feces or urine.
- ◆ Weekly Pool and Operation and Incident Report Form available at:  
<http://www.odh.ohio.gov//media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/eh/PSP/weeklyoperationreport.pdf?la=en>
- ◆ **Record:** The operator is required to record **all** accidents.
- ◆ **Close:** In the event of a formed stool or diarrheal fecal accident pool shall be closed and no bathers shall enter the water until the disinfection process is completed.
- ◆ **Remove:** All fecal matter and dispose in a sanitary manner. Vacuuming stool is **not** recommended.
- ◆ **Disinfect:** Guidance to disinfect (depending on incident) is located at [http://www.co.portage.oh.us/PCHD/PDF/Pool%20Spills\\_Fecal%20Incident%20Response%20Recommendations%20for%20Pool%20Staff.pdf](http://www.co.portage.oh.us/PCHD/PDF/Pool%20Spills_Fecal%20Incident%20Response%20Recommendations%20for%20Pool%20Staff.pdf)
- ◆ **Report:** Date, time, description of event, corrective measures, and contact information on a separate page for ALL patrons involved.

NEW! There is now an optional fillable online version to report only injuries at:  
<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/-/media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/eh/PSP/Injury-Report-Form/InjuryReportForm2017HEA0203.pdf?la=en>

**Please report all accidents and injuries within 72 hours to the Portage County Combined General Health District.**

# 2017 Updates

## ◆ Certified Pool Operator Certification (CPO)

PCHD will be hosting a certified pool operator course in early 2018. Keep an eye out for a future mailing!

## ◆ Things to Keep in Mind:

- Maintain test results and service records for automatic chemical controllers and SVR's for two years.
- Lifeguards, if provided or required, shall have a current and valid certification of lifeguard training and current and valid certification in infant, child and adult CPR. Certifications shall be maintained by the operator for review at all times.
- Provide ODH feedback! The pool rules are under a process of review, they can be viewed at: <https://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/eh/swim/RuleReview.aspx>
- If you do not have a lifeguard on duty your sign shall read, "Warning, No Lifeguard."



## ◆ 2016 Inspection Statistics

| 2016 Inspections      |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Standard Inspections  | 165 |
| Follow Up Inspections | 23  |
| Equipment Inventories | 68  |

## ◆ Top 3 Violations Found in 2016:

1. Meeting minimum testing requirements
2. Turnover rate is under required parameters
3. Inadequate disinfection levels

## ◆ We Heard You - 2016 Survey Results

Based on the 2016 pool survey results, there was a need for an increased focus on perimeter gates and barriers. Perimeter barriers are to be in good repair at all times, to prevent unauthorized entry. Remember, perimeter barriers shall be with gates or doors that are self-closing and lockable. For more information see ODH Pool regulations: OAC 3701-31-04 (B)(6)(s).

## ◆ 2017 Survey - Give us your feedback!

We value your opinion and listen to your concerns. Please take our new 2017 survey to express your opinions and ensure that we are doing our best during your inspection.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PoolProgram>



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The Portage County Combined General Health District licenses and regularly inspects 70 pools and spas each year. A license is required for any pool or spa serving four families or more, which includes apartments, hotels, condominiums, homeowner associations, hospital/therapy facilities, health clubs, and municipal facilities.

We encourage all of our pool/spa operators to contact us with any questions about current or future regulatory requirements. Please keep us informed if there are any changes in your pool/spa operations such as closures, repairs, spills, changes in personnel, etc.