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## Safety Standards for Canadian Swimming Pools and Waterfronts Aquatic Facility Standard

### Emergency and Operating Procedures

#### Standard

Every owner and every operator shall ensure that there are written emergency and operational procedures at the pool to be implemented in the event of an emergency, accident or injury in the pool and that all lifeguards and all other appropriate facility personnel are trained in the specific emergency and operational procedures for the facility at which they work.

#### Definitions

**Owner:** a person or corporation who is the owner of a public pool.

**Operator:** a person designated by the owner of a public pool to be responsible for the operation of the pool.

#### Rationale

Clear written procedures should be readily accessible to staff so that they familiarize themselves with the proper procedures. These procedures will enhance the day-to-day safe operation of the facility and the ability of staff to respond to an emergency situation.

#### References

- Various regulatory references from the Canadian Legal Information Institute website ([www.canlii.org](http://www.canlii.org)) which offers regulatory references for all provinces
- Alert: Lifeguarding in Action, Lifesaving Society Canada

#### Approval

- Approved by the Lifesaving Society Canada Board of Directors on 10 April 2012.

## Disclaimer

Lifesaving Society Canada's National Safety Standards are developed using Coroners' recommendations, the latest evidence-based research, and reflect the aquatic industry's best practices at the time the publication was approved or revised.

The purpose of these standards is to encourage swimming pool, waterpark and waterfront owners, managers, operators and regulators to adopt these standards in order to prevent drownings in aquatic environments.

Lifesaving Society Canada's National Safety Standards do not replace or supersede local, provincial/territorial or federal legislation or regulations, but they are considered the standard to which aquatic facility operators should work towards in order to enhance safety within their operations and to prevent drowning and aquatic-related injury.