



Required Emergency Equipment for Swimming Pools and Spas

The *Washington State Water Recreation Facilities Regulations* require owners to provide easily accessible first aid and emergency equipment at swimming pools and spas during operating hours (WAC 246-260-041 and 051). Required equipment includes:

All Swimming Pools and Spas

- A telephone within the facility for general use pools/spas; a telephone accessible within one minute for limited use pools/spas,
- A suitable area to accommodate persons requiring first-aid treatment (required for swimming pools only),
- A standard 16-unit first-aid kit (see below,
- A blanket reserved for emergency use.

Swimming Pools with Lifeguards

- A rescue tube or rescue buoy at each pool lifeguard station,
- A backboard with means to secure a victim to a board and immobilize head, neck, and back.

Swimming Pools without Lifeguards

- A reaching pole at least twelve feet long with a double crook life hook,
- A reaching pole at least twelve feet long for every fifteen hundred square feet of pool surface area,
- A throwing buoy, throw-rope bag, or other similar device. It must have an *attached rope* the width of the pool or fifty feet long, whichever is less, for reaching and retrieving a victim.

Required Items for a Standard 16-Unit First-Aid Kit (WAC 246-260-99902)

Item	Units
Absorbent gauze 24"X72" (1 per package)	1
Adhesive bandages 1" (16 per package)	1
Bandage compresses 4" (1 per package)	2
Eye dressing (1 per package)	1
Scissors and tweezers	1
Triangular bandages 40" (1 per package)	2
Individualized antiseptic pads (3 per package)	1
Surgical gloves (2 pr. minimum, 4 recommended)	1
CPR mask (disposable or reusable type)	1
Adhesive gauze or elastic or self-adherent wrap roll material	1
Cold packs	1
First-aid cream or antibiotic ointment	1
1/2" or 1" rolls of tape (2 rolls per package)	1
Butterfly bandage	1
Knuckle or fingertip bandages	1
Body fluid clean up kit	1
Additional units of required units	1

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