



Health and Healthy Living

Public Health Division
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REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WEARING DIAPERS IN WATER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Individuals wearing diapers in pool facilities (and their parents, guardians and caregivers) must be informed of requirements they must meet prior to using the pools. These requirements include:

- All fecal material must be contained in the garment, so as not to contaminate the pool water.
- Tight fitting rubber pants or equivalent must be worn alone or over a diaper.
- Nude children are not allowed to enter the pool.
- Parents, care-givers, or persons responsible for looking after the individual are required to ensure the garments are properly maintained, changed when required, and do not fall into a state of deterioration.
- Parents, caregivers, or persons responsible for looking after the individual are required to report any fecal accidents to pool staff immediately upon detecting the accident.

It is the responsibility of the pool operator to close the pool if fecal material is introduced into the water, and implement the cleaning and disinfecting procedures for fecal contaminated pools.

NOTE: It is recommended that signs be posted informing patrons of these requirements.

Procedure is based on protocol provided by Pool Safe Swimming Pool & Whirlpool Operator's Handbook (1995) from the City of Winnipeg, with input from the Medical Officer of Health of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Environmental Health Officers from the Province of Manitoba and City of Winnipeg and employees from the Public Works Department of the City of Winnipeg, and recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

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