

## Pool Admission Standards

Lifeguards reserve the right to request a swim test regardless of age and revoke a swim test pass at any time if they feel it is unsafe, or may assist in injury prevention.

Admission Standards for public pools were developed by the Office of the Chief Coroner to assist lifeguards and assistant lifeguards in maintaining adequate surveillance over the whereabouts and the activities of young bathers while they are inside the pool enclosure. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care strongly supports these recommendations to prevent injuries and fatalities.

**Children under the age of 10 (6 to 9 years) who are swimmers** (able to demonstrate comfort in the water and pass the facility swim test)

- May be admitted to the pool unaccompanied. It is highly recommended that a guardian be present at the pool

**Children under the age of 10 (6 to 9 years) who are non-swimmers**

- Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 12 years of age and is responsible for their direct supervision (within arm's reach)

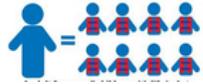
**Children under the age of 6**

- **May not** be admitted to the pool unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 12 years of age and is responsible for their direct supervision (within arm's reach), with a maximum of two (2) children per parent or guardian.

**Non-swimmers** unable to pass the facility swim test, between 6 and 9 years of age

- The parent/guardian ratio may be increased to a maximum of eight bathers to one parent/guardian (8:1) if lifejackets are worn by all non-swimmers in their charge.

**Guardians or group leaders:** must be a swimmer at least 12 years of age, be responsible for the children in their care while in the facility and must provide direct supervision (within arms reach) at all times.

Supervision Ratio		
Children under age 6	Maximum two children to one guardian (2:1)	 Children under 6 admitted only with guardian (max 2 per guardian)
Children aged 6 to 9 who are non-swimmers	Four children to one guardian (4:1) or Eight children with lifejackets to one guardian (8:1)	 =  1 adult for every 4 children      1 adult for every 8 children with lifejacket
Children aged 6 to 9 who are swimmers	May be admitted unaccompanied if they pass a facility swim test.	Tested swimmers permitted to enter alone 

**Examples:**

- A family with a 1-year-old, 3-year-old and a 6-year-old non-swimmer must have direct supervision from at least 2 parents/guardians
- A family with a 2-year-old, 4-year-old and a 7-year-old swimmer (passed the swim test) must have direct supervision from at least 1 parent/guardian

If you have any questions about the required ratio for your family, please contact the pool and staff will assist you.

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