

## DHEC Swimming Pool Contact Information

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## Public Swimming Pool Inspections

### Perimeter Fencing and Gates: A New Closure Item

Beginning this 2017 pool season, DHEC will be considering the gate not self closing and latching and openings in the perimeter fencing greater than 4 inches a closure item. When DHEC comes out on site for an inspection we will be making sure that the gate self closes and latches at 90 degrees, 45 degrees, and 15 degrees, and that there are no openings in the fence greater than 4 inches, if the gate does not work or there are openings greater than 4 inches the pool will be closed by the Department.

If the only deficiency found to be non compliant during the inspection is the gate self closing and latching or openings in the fence greater than 4 inches the pool will be instructed to re-open once the corrections have been made. The Perimeter fencing and gate have been included in the immediate closure items portion of the public swimming pool regulations 61-51 (Section K) since the 2009 revision of the regulations. If the pool gates do not self close and latch it can create an environment where young children without sufficient swimming experience can gain access to the pool without an adult's supervision. Please remember to check your pool gate to be sure it self closes and latches at all angles prior to opening your public swimming pool for the day, it just may save a child's life.



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## Pool Equipment

### Night Swimming

Night Swimming at Public Swimming Pool Facilities is growing in popularity throughout the state. If your facility is considering opening the pool past sunset there are a couple of things that you will need to keep in mind. The Department does have minimum area lighting requirements for pools open past sunset. The Department requires that there be not less than 0.5 Watts of incandescent lighting or 8.35 lumens of underwater lighting provided per square foot of pool area and illumination of the pool deck surface not less than 0.6 watts of incandescent light, or 10 lumens per square foot, or 10 foot candles of intensity. If the pool does not have any underwater lights and would like to be open for night swimming the department requires that there be uniform area lighting in the amount of not less than two watts of incandescent light, or 33.5 lumens per square foot of pool area, or 32 foot candles of intensity in addition to the 0.6 watts of incandescent light or 10 foot candles of intensity per square foot of deck area. If your facility is considering putting in lights to allow for night swimming the Department requires that you submit a change order request form with the area lighting plan to the Department for review prior to starting work so the Department can verify the proposed equipment will meet the requirement. For more information on the required pool lighting for night swimming and electrical requirements for lighting please look at page 34-35 of the SCDHEC Public Swimming Pool Regulation 61-51.

### Flow Meters

A Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI) constantly monitors the flow of electric current through a protected light fixture, pump motor, or appliance circuit, and it senses any loss of electric current to an outside path. If the electric current going to equipment differs slightly from the current returning from the equipment, the GFI will instantly interrupt the current to prevent damage. Because there have been more than a dozen electrocutions around pools since 1997, it is essential to have GFIs present at all electrical circuits within the pool area to prevent death or serious injury of swimmers. This includes all accessory equipment, pool lights, electric drinking water fountains, and bathhouse/toilet facility receptacles, regardless of their proximity to the pool. If it has been more than 5 years since an electrician has visited your facility, it is a good idea to have one come out and inspect your pool wiring to ensure it is compliant with Public Swimming Pools Regulation 61-51 and the National Fire Protection Association National Electrical code.

## Information

### Updating the Department - Facility Information Sheets

As we enter into our third year of using electronic inspections the Department has collected e-mail address for public swimming pool facility Owners, Managers, and Pool Operators so they can receive a copy of the inspection reports for their recreational water facility. The Department asks that if you would like to have these e-mail contacts updated that you fill out a Facility Information Sheet and submit it to your local regional office. Facility information sheets are also very valuable for updating your mailing address with the Department and for providing information on where to leave an inspection. Facility Information Sheets are the best way to keep up to date information current with the Department. You can find copies of the Facility Information Sheet at <http://www.scdhec.gov/Library/D-3441.pdf>

### What To Do If An Incident Occurs at My Facility

If an incident occurs at your public swimming pool where a patron or employee died, suffered an injury, or had an accident requiring emergency medical services, an emergency room visit, or hospitalization the Department requires that the owner or owners designated agent submit an Incident Report within 72 of the occurrence. Submitting incident reports to the Department is critical, it helps to keep the Department informed of any issues and the Department will also perform an inspection after an incident is reported to the Department so we can verify that all safety equipment was in place and that the pool was being operated as per the regulations. This can be very valuable if a legal matter arises surrounding the incident because we have an inspection conducted as close to the date of the incident as possible. You can get a copy of the incident report by visiting <http://www.scdhec.gov/Library/d-3785.pdf>. Following the incident fill out a Incident Report and contact the local regional office and inform them of the incident, they will want to come out and perform an inspection and at that time the Incident Reports should be given to them.

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Public Swimming Pools

**Q.** Where can I get a copy of the Public Swimming Pools Regulation 61-51 that was updated as of June 27, 2014?

**A.** You can find a copy of the revised Public Swimming Pools Regulation 61-51 online on the DHEC website: <http://www.scdhec.gov/agency/docs/water-regs/r61-51.pdf>

**Q.** I want to replace outdated or broken equipment around the pool. What is required by DHEC?

**A.** Whenever modifications are made to a public swimming pool, DHEC requires that you submit a Change Order Request Form for review and approval prior to commencement of the desired work. Once the Change Order Request Form is submitted, it will be reviewed by one of DHEC's engineers to make sure that all proposed new equipment is of sufficient size and capacity to work for your particular pool. Equipment changes that require a Change Order Request Form can range from changing out depth marker tiles to installing a new chlorinator. You can obtain a copy of the Change Order Request Form by visiting: [www.scdhec.gov/library/D-3627.pdf](http://www.scdhec.gov/library/D-3627.pdf)

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**Q.** Where can I get a copy of the 2017 Pool Log Book for my facility?

**A.** You can obtain a free copy of the 2017 Pool Log Book from your local DHEC office. Please be sure to get one for each pool you have. (See DHEC office numbers and locations on Page 4.)

**Q.** What should I do to get the pool ready to open for the 2017 Swimming Season?

**A.** Make sure you have all safety equipment in place, that the recirculation and disinfection system is operating

properly, that all the pool chemicals are within the SCDHEC Standards, that the pool drains are visible, that both male and female restrooms are operating, that there is a emergency notification device within 200 feet of the pool, that all required signage is posted based on the type of pool you have, that you have a 2017 log book, and that there is a pool operator of record that checks the pool a minimum of 3 times per week.

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