



Operation Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Operation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONS FOR WATER ACTIVITIES

- Do you provide any water activities?
- What type of activities do you provide?
- Do you provide water activities at or away from your operation?
- Do all children that participate in the water activities have parental consent?
- Are water activities listed in your operational policies?

## WADING POOL REQUIREMENTS

- Stored out of children's reach when not in use
- Drained at least daily and sanitized
- Stored so that they do not hold water
- How deep is the pool?
- Who is responsible for maintaining the pool? (Cleaning, adding chemicals, etc.)



## SPRINKLER PLAY REQUIREMENTS

- Sprinkler play must not be on hard slippery surface, such as concrete
- Children must not be left alone during sprinkler play
- Sprinkler play equipment must be out of reach when not in use
- What are the ages of the children that use the pool?
- Splash pad/sprinkler play area must be maintained according to manufacturer's instructions

## **RATIOS FOR SPLASHING/WADING ACTIVITIES**

**If not observed, discuss the following:**

The maximum number of children one caregiver can supervise while children use a splashing or wading pool (two feet of water or less) is based on the age of the youngest child in the group and is specified in the following chart [Medium-High]:

<b>Ratio for Splashing or Wading Pools (Two Feet Deep or Less) If the age of the youngest child is...</b>	<b>Then you must have (number) adults to supervise...</b>	<b>Every (number) children.</b>
0 – 23 months	1	1
0 – 23 months	2	4
2 years	1	2
2 years	2	5
3 years	1	6
4 years	1	16
5 years	1	20
6-8 years	1	22

## QUESTIONS FOR OPERATIONS WITH POOLS ON THE PREMISES

- How long have you had the pool?
- Do the children use the pool?
- When do children use the pool?
- How are children's swimming skills evaluated?
- Are those that can't swim allowed in the pool?
- For those that can't swim, are they required to use a life jacket?
- Who is present/supervising when children use the pool?
- What is the maximum number of children in the pool at one time?
- Have there been any changes to your pool area since your last inspection?
- Do you have a lifeguard? (Over two feet)
- What are the ages of the children that use the pool?
- How do you ensure that all areas of the pool are safe daily?
- How many entrances/exits to the pool?
- How deep is the pool?
- Who is responsible for maintaining the pool? (Cleaning, adding chemicals, sanitation)

## POOL REQUIREMENTS

- Two life-saving devices
- An additional life saving device or each 2000 square feet of water surface
- Drains in place, in good repair, and not able to be removed
- Pool chemicals and pumps inaccessible
- Machinery rooms locked
- All parts of swimming area are visible including bottom of pool
- Area free from furniture/equipment that a child can use to scale fence or release lock
- 4ft fence (homes) 6 ft fence (centers) -must be measured
- Fence gate has self-closing and self-latching hardware out of children's reach
- Self-closing and self-latching gate was tested and in working order
- An adult present to turn off the pump and filtering system when any child is in the pool
- Doors leading to pool area have locks out of the children's reach, which can only be opened by adults
- Door locks were tested and in working order
- Exits/Door leading to pool not used as emergency exits
- Above ground pool must have a barrier

## RATIO REQUIREMENTS

**If not observed, discuss the following:**

(a)When your child-care center uses a swimming pool (more than two feet of water), there must be at least two caregivers supervising the children if four or more children are swimming. [High]

(b)The maximum number of children one caregiver can supervise while children are swimming is based on the age of the youngest child in the group and is specified in the following chart [High]:

<b>Ratio for Swimming Pools (More Than Two Feet Deep) If the age of the youngest child is...</b>	<b>Then you must have (number) adult to supervise...</b>	<b>Every (number) children.</b>
0 – 23 months	1	1
2 years	1	2
3 years	1	6
4 years	1	8
5 years	1	10
6 years and older	1	12

You must not count the certified lifeguard in the child/caregiver ratio when people other than the children from your child-care center are swimming. [Medium-High]

(b)If only children from your child-care center are swimming, you may count the certified lifeguard in the child/caregiver ratio, although the lifeguard must never be left alone with any of the children unless the lifeguard is also a qualified caregiver for your center.

Examples of a fence gate with a self-closing and self-latching hardware out of children’s reach.

