

Elmira Pool Admission Policy

Children under the age of 10 years may not be admitted to the swimming pool unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 12 years of age and responsible for their direct supervision in the water, with a maximum of 2 children for each parent or guardian.

The ratio of non-swimmers to parent or guardian may be increased for children aged 6 - 9 to a maximum of 4 bathers to one parent or guardian, if lifejackets are worn by all non-swimmers in their charge.

Children between the ages of 6 - 9 who are swimmers (pass the facility swim test) may be admitted to the swimming pool unaccompanied. Parents/guardian must be present for the swim test, and remain in the facility for the duration of the swim.

Children wearing personal floatation devices (water wings, lifejackets, etc) must be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian in the water at all times.

Swim Test Criteria

Front swim 25 meters and tread water for 1 minute.

Lifeguard must see an attempt at over arm recovery with a near horizontal body position for swim portion.

Treading water, a vertical body position, with head staying above water while staying in one place.

Lifeguards reserve the right to have any swimmer complete the swim test to determine competency to use the deep area of the pool

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Admission Standards for Public Pools have been developed by the Office of the Chief Coroner to assist lifeguards in maintaining adequate surveillance over the whereabouts and activities of young bathers while they are inside the pool enclosure. The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care strongly support these Standards for the purpose of preventing injuries and fatalities. The following admission standards are enforced at all public swims.

Children – 10 years of age and older
May swim without a parent or guardian but it is recommended to always swim with a buddy