



WHEN TO CLOSE YOUR SWIMMING POOL

Central District Health, Environmental Health Division, is responsible with conducting periodic inspections while the pool is open for use to ensure compliance with the rules for the protection and promotion of public health and safety. If the pool constitutes an unreasonable hazard to the health or safety of the public, we encourage pool operators/owners to take action to correct the problem in order to ensure a safe environment for pool users. Some hazardous conditions which should lead the operator to a closure include:

- * **Pool water which is so cloudy that the main drain at the bottom of the pool cannot be clearly seen.** Drownings and near drownings have occurred when children have fallen into a dirty, cloudy pool and the child could not be located in time to effect a rescue.
- * **Loose, damaged, or missing main drain covers.** Drownings and injuries have occurred when users became entrapped by the suction produced from the drain in the bottom of spas and swimming pools.
- * **Nonfunctional recirculation system.** If the recirculation system is broken and/or under repair, it is not possible to maintain the pool water in a clear, disinfected, and bacteriologically safe condition for any length of time. It is vital that pool water be maintained clear and disinfected.
- * **Human fecal contamination in the pool.** Outbreaks of disease have been associated with fecal contaminated pool water. When fecal matter is observed, the pool shall be immediately closed and the fecal matter removed.
- * **Other conditions not discussed.** There may be other hazardous conditions not discussed in this advisory which may cause this Department to immediately close a pool.

Should any of these conditions occur at your pool, close the pool until the problem is corrected. Contact Central District Health at 327-7499 when the pool has been closed for any of the above conditions or other conditions not discussed.

WOULD YOU LET YOUR CHILD SWIM IN THE POOL?