

## **LIFEGUARD REQUIREMENTS**

All pools having a surface area of 2000 square feet or more shall have lifeguard(s) on duty at all times the pool is in use. Required numbers are according to the table listed in HFS 172.05(a)(2).

Individual lifeguard requirements are as follows, according to HFS 172.05(a)(3).

1. One of the following lifeguard certifications is required:

- American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Certificate
- YMCA Lifeguard Certificate
- An International Lifeguard Training Program Certificate
- National Aquatic Safety Company Lifeguard Training Program Certificate
- Equivalent Certification Approved by Department

A lifeguard shall be present on the deck during instructional classes, even if the instructor is a certified lifeguard. At a minimum, a lifeguard-qualified instructor may be acceptable, if they are guarding only their own class.

### **Water Safety Instructor (WSI) certification does not meet lifeguard requirements.**

2. One of the following first aid certifications is required:

- American Red Cross Community First Aid and Safety
- Equivalent Certification Approved by Department

\* *Special note: Red Cross Lifeguard Course includes the Community First Aid and Safety course and the certificate will note this on the back or front of the certification.*

3. CPR certification covering Adult, Child, and Infant CPR is required:

- American Heart Association – “CPR for the Healthcare Professional” (2 year certification)
- American Red Cross – “CPR for the Professional Rescuer” (1 year certification)
- American Safety and Health Institute – “CPR Pro – Professional Level CPR/AED”
- American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons/Emergency Care and Safety Institute – “Professional Rescuer CPR”
- Other CPR certification approved by the department

All lifeguards on duty must be readily identifiable and not be assigned distracting duties and shall be provided with a rescue tube with harness and a whistle while on duty.

A file must be maintained showing proof (photocopies) of all required lifeguard certifications. This file must be continually updated, located in the pool office or other location and be readily available for review by the Sanitarian. This file must also indicate the surface area of the pool.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your area sanitarian. We are available Monday through Friday, from 8-9 a.m. at 243-0330.