

Waterslide Safety Checklist

Structural

1. Do steps and platforms have handrails and vertical bars to prevent falls?
2. Are all steps, platforms and walking surfaces of a non-slip area?
3. Does slide empty directly into the swimming pool leaving no rider free fall space between the slide and the water surface?
4. Is the pool landing area of adequate depth to prevent injury? (normally at least 3 ft deep and not more than 4 ft deep)

Operations

1. Are lifeguards (with Red Cross or equivalent certification) on duty at the pool during all hours of slide operation?
2. Is slide attendant (with CPR training certification) on duty at each slide during all hours of slide operation?
3. Are lifeguards and slide attendants easily identifiable to users?
4. Is a public address system or bullhorn available for use when necessary to enforce slide rules and in case of emergency?
5. Is a sign prominently posted showing slide rules?
6. Is there an emergency pump cut-off in a visible readily accessible location near the slide?

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Slide Rules:

1. Hours of Operation ____ a.m. - ____ p.m.
2. No Running or Diving
3. Only one rider at a time. No doubles, trains or chains.
4. Do not slide until the landing area is clear and attendant says to start.
5. Slide only in a sitting position or lying on your back with feet pointing toward the water, arms clasped across chest.
6. DO NOT SLIDE HEAD FIRST.
7. Keep arms and feet inside flume. Do not stop on the slide.
8. Do not attempt to walk back up the slide.
9. Leave pool landing area immediately after sliding.
10. Water is only ____ feet deep.
11. WARNING – Pregnant women and riders with heart or back conditions should not use this slide.
12. WARNING – Failure to follow Slide Rules can result in serious injury to yourself and others. Lifeguard and attendant may prohibit slide use by persons who violate Slide Rules.