



Happy "Summer" from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning, Bureau of Certification Services

With the summer months, fun in the sun begins! Remember § 3270.115, § 3280.115 and § 3290.115, relating to swimming pools, states:

(a) *Swimming or wading.*

- (1) An in-ground swimming pool accessible to children must be fenced with a locked gate.
- (2) An aboveground swimming pool which is not in use must be made inaccessible to children in accordance with the swimming pool barrier guidelines of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- (3) An indoor swimming pool which is not in use must be made inaccessible to children.
- (4) A staff person shall be physically present with a child who is wading or swimming.
- (5) Swimming and wading ratios shall be maintained as follows:

	Staff	Children
Infant	1	1
Young or older toddler	1	2
Preschool	1	5
Young school-age	1	6
Older school-age	1	6

(6) When children are swimming, supervision shall include at least one person who has completed lifeguard training as described in § 3290.31(c)(4)(ii) (relating to age and training).

(7) The person certified in lifeguard training may not be included in the staff:child ratio.

(8) A facility person who is counted in the staff:child ratio shall annually complete water safety instruction.

(9) A sanitizing solution shall be added to water in a wading pool. An acceptable sanitizing solution is 3/4 teaspoon of bleach added to 50 gallons of water. A sanitizing solution shall be handled as a toxic. See § 3290.64 (relating to toxics).

(10) A wading pool shall be emptied daily.

(b) *Water play table.* A water play table or a container used for water play that contains unfiltered water shall be emptied daily.

It's getting hot outside (and inside)! § 3270.70(b), § 3280.70(b), and § 3290.68(b), relating to indoor temperature, states:

"If the indoor temperature exceeds 82° F in a child care space, a means of mechanical air circulation must be operating."

With all of this fun, children need to rest! § 3270.106(f), § 3280.105(f), and § 3290.105(f), relating to rest equipment, states:

"At least 2 feet of space is required on three sides of a bed, cot, crib or other rest equipment while the equipment is in use."

When determining the space between rest equipment, please note that tables, toys, etc can not be used as barriers or be stored in the 24 inches of space.

Thank you for caring for Pennsylvania's children.