

Summary of Revisions to ATCP 76

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Below is a summary of the major revisions to ATCP 76 – Safety, Maintenance and Operation of Public Pools and Water Attractions. These are changes that will require action from you, the operator. Please review these revisions and make the necessary changes to your pool.

- I. ATCP 76.14 (5)(a) – Minimal chemical residuals aligned with model aquatic health code; bromine minimum lowered; bromine maximum lowered.

	Pool		Whirlpool	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
Free Chlorine	1.0	10.0	3.0	10.0
Free Chlorine w/stabilizer	2.0	10.0	6.0	10.0
Free Chlorine w/monitoring device	1.0	10.0	3.0	10.0
Bromine	3.0	10.0	4.0	10.0
Bromine w/monitoring device	3.0	10.0	4.0	10.0

- II. ATCP 76.14(5)(e) – There will no longer be an enforced limit for combined chlorine alone, rather operator must prepare and follow their plan for controlling combined chlorine to be in compliance. The plan must contain the following components:
- The combined chlorine action level, taking into account the monochloramine in the source water.
 - Volume of pool.
 - Range of volume of fresh source water added to pool each day.
 - Description of showering requirements and how this is communicated to patrons.
 - A record shall be maintained documenting combined chlorine test results, date and times of breakpoint chlorination was performed, and any complaints of eye or respiratory irritation.

- III. ATCP 76.27 (1) – First aid and Biohazard kit contents were simplified.

First Aid Supplies

Gauze Pads	Elastic Bandage
Adhesive Bandages	Disposable Gloves
Gauze Roll	CPR Mask
Adhesive Tape	Instant Cold Pack
Eye Wash	2 blankets

Biohazard Kit

Scoop and spatula	Biohazard Bag 24" x 24"
Sanitizing Hand Wipes	Twist Tie
Sanitizing Surface Wipes	Biohazard sorbent
Neoprene Gloves	Storage Case
Paper Toweling	

IV. ATCP 76.30 – New closing criteria added to code:

Presence of a hazardous substances or object in pool creating an immediate danger to health or safety (including fecal accident event)
Water clarity issues where you cannot see main drain (ATCP 76.16)
Failure to comply with disinfectant levels (see above chart) or pH values (≥ 6.8 or ≤ 8.0)
A nonoperational circulation pump, filter, or disinfectant feeder
Failure to comply with the number of lifeguards or attendants per ATCP76.23
Absence or non-availability of responsible supervisor
Nonfunctional Emergency Telephone
Pool is undergoing maintenance or repair
Pool gate or door is not self-closing latching mechanism, except when lifeguard or attendant is present
Cyanuric acid level is above 300 ppm

V. ATCP 76.29 – New/revised rules. (*Letters must be 1" high*)

Pool Rules

1. Do not enter the pool if you have a communicable disease or an open cut.
2. Do not bring food, drink, gum, or tobacco into the pool.
3. Shower before entering the pool and after use of a steam room, sauna, or toilet facilities.
4. Do not run or engage in rough play in the pool area.
5. Do not bring animals into the pool area.
6. Diaper changing on the pool deck is prohibited.
7. Glass and shatterable items are prohibited in the pool area.
8. Children under the age of 12 shall be supervised by an adult (<i>non-lifeguarded pools only</i>)

Whirlpool Rules

1. Persons suffering from heart disease, diabetes, or high or low blood pressure should not enter the whirlpool.
2. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs may not use the whirlpool.
3. Pregnant women should consult their physician regarding whirlpool usage.
4. Lengthy exposure may be hazardous to your health and may result in nausea, dizziness, or fainting.
5. Minors under the age of 6 and under are not permitted in the whirlpool.

VI. ATCP 76.29 (f) – Breath Holding prohibition – The operator of a pool shall provide signage or otherwise communicate to patrons that activities involving prolonged breath holding are prohibited. (See attached signage)

VII. ATCP 76.26 – Rescue equipment updates:

- a. Shepherds crook – *For non-guarded pools*, the shepherd’s crook shall be long enough to affect a rescue in the deepest part of the pool. If not one continuous pole, the pieces shall be securely connected with durable nuts and bolts or similar hardware.
- b. Emergency Telephone – a telephone capable of connecting with 911 or emergency dispatch services is always accessible during pool operation. Must be within 25ft of the pool area. Other technology, other than a landline telephone, may be used if the device is equipped

with a permanent continuous power supply with a battery backup and reliable service connection.

- VIII. ATCP 76.13 (1)(c)(2) – Interlocks. All recirculation systems shall be equipped with a chemical feed interlock (if applicable).
- a. The operator must be able to demonstrate knowledge:
 - i. Describe location of chemical feed connections and system flow sensing interlocks in the recirculation system
 - ii. Describe how the chemical feeder electrical interlock functions.
 - iii. Describe how the system flow sensing interlock functions if applicable.
 - iv. Describe how monthly testing is performed.
 - v. Describe what safety measures must be employed during monthly testing.
 - b. Once monthly, challenge testing of the chemical feeder system
 - c. Maintain a log of the monthly test with the date, result and name of person performing the test.
- IX. ATCP.33(4)(d) –operator shall install functioning carbon monoxide alarms, as applicable and meet all of the following:
1. A pool equipment room that has a fuel burning appliance shall install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm.
 2. For indoor pools, a carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed and maintained in the pool area, if there is a fuel burning appliance in the equipment room that is also located within the pool area.
- X. ATCP 76.34(4)(a) – Pool gates/doors may not require a key, punch code or electronic method to exit the pool enclosure.
- XI. ATCP 76.20 (2)(a)(2) – An owner of a pool who demonstrates a lack of active managerial control over the pool operation by having two or more reinspection’s in a three-year period, is required to have a certified pool operator.
- XII. ATCP 76.14 (2)(c) – Cyanuric acid-containing disinfectant (di-chlor and tri-chlor) may not be used at an indoor pool, therapy pool or whirlpool, beginning September 24, 2025. *Switching from a chlorine erosion feeder to a liquid chlorine system or a booster pump erosion feeder will require a plan review from DSPS. Plan accordingly to prevent pool closures.*

For more information regarding the revisions to ATCP 76 please visit the WI Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection website:
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/WaterRecreation.aspx

