

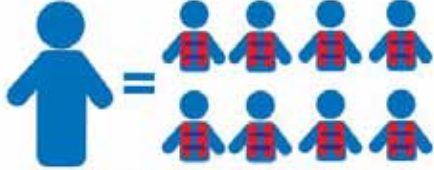





## Pool Admission Standards

Admission Standards for Public Pools were developed by the Office of the Chief Coroner to assist lifeguards and assistant lifeguards in maintaining adequate surveillance over the whereabouts and the activities of young bathers while they are inside the pool enclosure. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care strongly supports these recommendations for the purposes of preventing injuries and fatalities.

- Children under the age of 10 years who are non-swimmers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 12 years of age and responsible for their **direct** supervision (within arms' reach). The ratio of non-swimmers to parent or guardian may be a maximum of 4 bathers to one parent or guardian (4:1). The ratio of non-swimmers to parent or guardian may be increased to a maximum of 8 bathers to one parent or guardian (8:1) if lifejackets are worn by all non-swimmers in their charge.
- Children under the age of 10 who are swimmers (able to demonstrate comfort in the water and pass the facility swim test) may be admitted to the swimming pool unaccompanied.
- Children under the age of 6 years may not be admitted to the swimming pool unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who is responsible for their **direct** supervision (within arms' reach), with a **maximum of two children** for each parent or guardian.
- Guardians or group leaders are responsible for the children in their care while in the facility and must **directly** supervise the children at all times. Guardians or group leaders should be swimmers at least 12 years of age.

Recommended Supervision Ratio		
Children under age 6	Maximum Two children to one guardian (2:1)	 <p>Children under 6 admitted only with parent or guardian (max 2 per guardian)</p>
Children aged 6 to 9 who are non-swimmers	Four children to one guardian (4:1) or Eight children with lifejackets to one guardian (8:1)	 <p>1 adult for every 4 children</p>  <p>1 adult for every 8 children with life jackets</p>
Children aged 6 to 9 who are swimmers	May be admitted unaccompanied if they pass a facility swim test.	 <p>Tested swimmers permitted to enter alone</p>

Examples:

- A family with a 1 year old, 3 year old and a 6 year old non-swimmer must have direct supervision from at least 2 parent/guardians
- A family with a 2 year old, 4 year old and a 7 year old swimmer (passed the swim test) must have direct supervision from at least 1 parent/guardian

**If you have any questions about the required ratio for your family, please contact the pool and the staff will assist you.**