

Policy on Children Left At Pool **Municipality of East Hants**

In July 1999, a policy was passed by Council regarding children who are left unattended at pool at the end of the night (at closing). The policy states : "It is a Policy of the East Hants Swimming Pool to give patrons fifteen minutes to clear the building after their last use of the pool. Once staff duties are complete or the fifteen minutes has elapsed, the building will be considered closed. Patrons will be asked to leave at this time and advised of the closest location of a public telephone from which to contact their drive. Please Note : Municipality will not be responsible for children left on site once building closes."

The supervisor shall exercise the following procedure when a child has still not been picked up at closing time.

- ◆ Supervisor is to fill out a Child Left At Pool Form (located in staff's filing cabinet) which is to be placed in Coordinator's mail box once filled.
- ◆ Supervisor to phone parent requesting the child be picked up immediately.
- ◆ If parent or guardian is inaccessible, the Supervisor is to phone a family member. If not available or appropriate, the Supervisor is to call the RCMP (883-7077) and report an abandoned child. At this point, notify the Coordinator, Director of Leisure Service or the CAO in that order.
- ◆ Supervisor and one other staff member shall wait with child (this will be paid time) until relieved by one of the above. The facility inside door is to be locked.
- ◆ Pending the age of the child and maturity of the child, supervisor may choose to ask the child to leave premises and inform him/her of the closest location for a pay phone. Supervisor will then lock up building as per closing procedures. If the Supervisor feels that the security of the facility is in jeopardy, he/she may decide to notify the police.
- ◆ Upon repeated occurrences, and especially in the case of young children, the Coordinator is to advise the Director of Leisure Services, who shall notify the Department of Community Services.



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