



## CHILD SAFETY POLICY

Unfortunately, drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children 1 to 4 years of age. Most cases are a result of little or no supervision, and can even occur in a bathtub. TAE wants to create a safe environment for the children of your community, and will implement the following rules to improve accountability, create awareness, and ensure that every child is safe when visiting community pools:

1. Children 48" and under in height entering the swimming pool area will be required to wear a wristband issued by the lifeguards.
2. A red wristband indicates that the child has NOT passed a swim test administered by the lifeguards. Children with a red wristband are issued a lifejacket that must be worn at all times. If the guardian elects to not have the child wear a lifejacket, the guardian is then required to be within arm's length of the child at ALL times. The guardian is also issued a red wristband.
3. A green wristband indicates that the child has passed a swim test. Once a child has passed the swim test, the child's name will be added to TAE's Child Safety Log. Each visit to the pool, the child will need to give the lifeguard their name, and a green wristband will be issued. Children on the Safety Log are not required to wear a lifejacket or to be within arm's reach of their guardian.
4. The swim test consists of swimming one length of the pool unassisted. This includes no aid from flotation devices, the lane ropes, pool walls or the bottom of the pool.
5. Any child on the Child Safety Log can be asked to perform a swim test again, should the lifeguards on duty feel the child's swimming ability has diminished.

TAE RECOGNIZES THAT PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAVE THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR CHILDREN. UPON REQUEST BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN, TAE MAY PERMIT CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT PASSED A SWIM TEST TO USE THE POOLS WITHOUT A LIFEJACKET. TAE MAY REQUIRE THE PARENT/GUARDIAN TO SIGN A WAIVER OF LIABILITY BEFORE PERMITTING UN-LIFEJACKETED CHILDREN USE THE POOLS.