

# Red Barn Pool

## Health and Safety Protocol

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The Red Barn Swimming pool is a public pool regulated and certified by the Department of Public Health (DPH). Therefore, there are specific guidelines that are followed in order to maintain a healthy swim environment which include cleaning and chemical use. A specific protocol for fecal matter incidents is also defined by the DPH as well as by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and are listed below.

**“ACCIDENT” DEFINITION:** Any elimination from the bowel, whether fully contained in a swim suit, specialize swim diaper, or loose and exiting the suit during swim or while exiting the pool is classified as a fecal matter accident.

Size of the accident is not relevant nor is the child’s intent or lack thereof to defecate in the pool. It happens or it does not.

Should a bowel movement occur while in or while exiting the pool water Red Barn staff shall:

1. Close the pool
2. Remove fecal matter from the pool
3. Raise the chlorine level to 2ppm while maintaining pH between 7.2 – 7.5.
4. Record incident in fecal accident log
5. Swimmers may be allowed back in the pool for 12.75 hours and when the free chlorine level has been returned to normal operating range

**WHAT WE DO TO AVOID INCIDENTS:** In order to avoid pool closures the following practices are followed each swim period with each group:

- All children are required to try to use the bathroom prior to entry in the pool area.
- A staff member is stationed outside of the pool ready to escort children to the bathroom as necessary.
- Should a child have fecal accident at any point during their day, they will be held out of the subsequent pool time for that day.
- Should a child have diarrhea at any point during the day, they will be held out of the subsequent pool time for that day.

**ACCIDENTS HAPPEN:** Should your child have a bowel movement while in or exiting the pool, contained in the bathing suit or loose and exiting the suit, Red Barn will:

1. Contact the family. The Director or Assistant Director will try calling first with email second to inform them of the incident,
2. Discuss ways to prevent a repeat occurrence if possible,
3. Remind the family of the pool protocol.

**ANOTHER ACCIDENT:**

1. The child will not be allowed to participate in the swim portion of the summer program for the remainder of the program. The child may attend additional playground times with another group or remain in the pool area.

Recognizing that losing pool privileges would likely not be a desirable option, you may choose to withdraw your child from the summer program. Should withdrawal be chosen you will be refunded in accordance with our refund policy.

Beside the health danger fecal matter exposure presents, closure of the pool can affect over 100 children depending on the time of day of the incident. We are dedicated to ensuring children receive the maximum benefit from the swim program which is why this policy is in place.