

PEPPERGRASS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION POOL USAGE RULES

The Indiana State Department of Health administers the rules and regulations regarding semi-private swimming pools at condominiums. These include the following to which Peppergrass is obligated to observe and the Peppergrass Board of Directors is required to enforce.

WARNING SIGNS (410 IAC 6-2.1-36)

1. No lifeguard on duty signs must be posted. Peppergrass residents and their guests use the pool at their own risk. Signs shall also state "No Swimming Alone. Children Under 14 Years of Age and Non-swimmers Shall Not Use the Pool Unless Accompanied by a Responsible Adult."

INDIANA STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH – (“Responsible Adult at Semi-Private Pool” document)

Definition of a “Responsible Adult” is as follows:

- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Must be able to swim.
- Must maintain close supervision.
- Should not be involved in any distracting activity such as reading, playing cards, talking on phone while supervising children.
- Should make sure that weak or non-swimmers are restricted to shallow end of pool.
- Should not allow use of air-filled or foam toys, such as ‘water wings’, ‘noodles’, or inner tubes, in place of proper life jackets (personal flotation devices). These toys are not designed to keep swimmers safe.
- One responsible adult can be responsible for a maximum of 2 children aged 14 and under, unless the children are able to swim.

WARNING SIGNS (410 IAC 6-2.1-36) continued

2. A sign stating "No Diving" shall be posted at non-diving areas and at portions of the pool that are five (5) feet deep or less.
3. A sign warning "DANGER–HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS" shall be posted on or adjacent to the entrance to the pool chemical feed and chemical storage rooms.
4. A removable buoyed transition line, anchored at each end, shall separate the shallow area defined as five (5) feet or less, from the deeper pool area. Bouncing on or straddling this line is not permitted.
5. The following user sanitation and safety rules include:
 - Anyone who has or has had diarrhea in the past two (2) weeks shall not use the pool.
 - Anyone who has an area of exposed subepidermal tissue, open blisters, cuts, etc., is advised not to use the pool.
 - All persons shall take a cleansing shower before using the pool. Peppergrass does not have shower facilities. Swimmers should shower before leaving home.
 - Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose, and similar behavior in the pool is prohibited.
 - No running or rough play is permitted in the pool, or on the poolside deck. This includes pushing and tormenting others.
 - Street clothes are not allowed in the pool.
 - All diaper aged children shall use plastic pants with tight fitting elastic at the legs and waist, or swim diapers.
 - Do not change diapers at poolside.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT – 410 IAC 6-2.1-34

1. The following safety equipment is provided and readily accessible:
 - A fully-equipped first aid kit.
 - A ring or throwing buoy not more than 15 inches in diameter with enough weight for accurate throwing, fitted with a 60 foot length of at least ¼ inch diameter line.
 - A life pole, or shepherd’s crook type pole having blunted ends with a minimum length of 16 feet.
 - A separate throwing line of ¼ inch line, at least 60 feet long.
 - One (1) spine board, with straps and head immobilizer, shall be available.

NO ONE SHALL TAMPER WITH OR REMOVE SUCH EQUIPMENT FROM ITS ESTABLISHED LOCATION FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN ITS INTENDED EMERGENCY USAGE.

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2. A telephone must be available for emergency use whenever the pool is open for use, with the facility location and the following emergency telephone numbers posted within view:
- 911.
 - Ambulance or rescue unit.
 - Hospital.
 - Police station.
 - Fire department.

The Peppergrass Board of Directors has established the following rules and regulations to identify pool usage issues that have arisen during past years.

The lock code for pool entry will be mailed annually, in the month of May, to all Peppergrass residents who are not delinquent in paying homeowner fees. Delinquent residents will not be permitted to use the pool. The lock code also opens the restroom area at the back of the clubhouse. **THIS LOCK CODE IS NOT BE GIVEN TO NON-RESIDENTS.**

Food/drink and their containers are not permitted on the pool deck, but are allowed at the wooden deck and pergolas. However, no glass containers of any type are permitted within the enclosed pool area.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THE POOL.

No electrical appliances of any kind are permitted within the pool enclosure. Battery operated items, including cell phones, are permissible. Radios and music players must be inaudible to others.

Floating chairs, **adult** rafts, and similar devices are not permitted in the pool. Noodles may be used by **adults only**.

Contact lenses should be removed before entering the pool. Jewelry, hairclips, and similar items should not be worn in the pool. These items may severely damage the filter system which may result in closure of the pool.

Water pistols/squirt guns are not permitted in the pool area.

Chairs/tables around the pool are the property of the Peppergrass HOA and shall not be removed without permission from the property manager.

Each person entering/exiting the pool enclosure is responsible for insuring the gate is locked. This could prevent the tragic loss of a small child who wanders into the enclosure.