

11. Swimming Pools, Equipment and Safety

Pools are fun, but children and adults can lose their life quickly. Over 4000 lives annually are lost with one-third under the age of 14. **A child can drown in the time it takes to answer a phone.** A swimming pool is 14 times more likely than a motor vehicle to be involved in the death of a child age 4 and under. An estimated 5,000 children ages 14 and under are hospitalized due to near-drownings each year; 15 percent die in the hospital and as many as 20 percent suffer severe, permanent brain damage. Of all preschoolers who drown, 70 percent are in the care of one or both parents at the time of the drowning and 75 percent are missing from sight for five minutes or less. Drowning surpasses all other causes of death to children age 14 and under in Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

A **pool alarm** with a loud speaker system to sound outside as well as inside the home could save a life. Even if you do not have children you should be concerned. 35% of children that drowned did so in someone else's pool. For more info, do an internet search on pool safety or visit this website: http://www.lhf.org/foryourhealth/article_children.html



Styles & Materials

Style:
In ground

Shape:
Rectangle

Wall Material:
Plastic Liner

Inspection Items

11.0 OPERATIONAL CONDITION OF POOL

Comments: Inspected

Filter and pump worked as intended.



11.0 Picture 1 Filter and pump.

11.1 POOL LINER CONDITION

Comments: Inspected

The liner is pulled loose from spline in several areas. Recommend monitor these areas as they will be inclined to develop holes. If holes develop, contact pool specialist for repairs to maintain liner integrity.



11.1 Picture 1 Liner has pulled loose.



11.1 Picture 2 Liner defect.

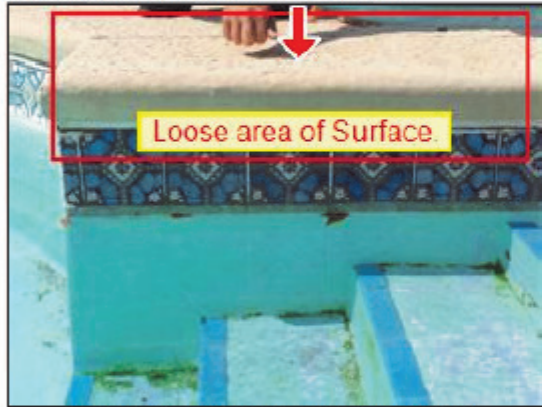
11.2 SURFACE WALLS AND FLOOR OF POOL

Comments: No

Pool Perimeter is cracked in many areas. There have been attempts to patch but surface continues to deteriorate. Recommend evaluation by a pool installation professional for necessary repairs.



11.2 Picture 1 Pool sides are cracked.



11.2 Picture 2 Surface concrete is loose.



11.2 Picture 3 Crack in surface.



11.2 Picture 4 Deep crack in pool perimeter.



11.2 Picture 5 Cracks in surface area.

11.3 PERMANENT ACCESSORIES CONDITION

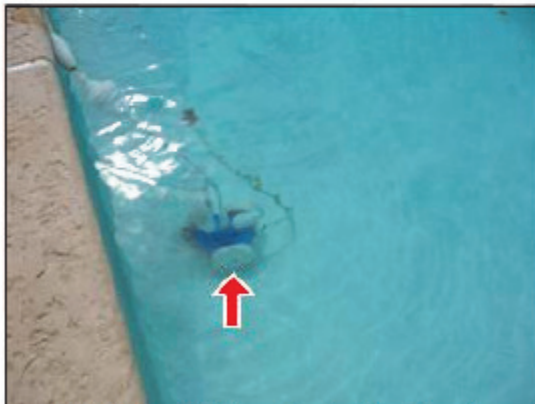
Comments: Repair or Replace

(1) The water hose used to apply water to slide is broken. This hose is needed to provide water to the surface of slide. Recommend repair as necessary. Ladder is missing.



11.3 Picture 1 Water hose to slide is broken.

(2) Vacuum hose and equipment is non-operational. The drive wheels would not function. Recommend repair as desired.



11.3 Picture 2 Drive wheels did not work.

11.4 PUMPS FOR CIRCULATION OF WATER

Comments: Inspected

11.5 PUMPS FOR VACUUM OR CLEANING

Comments: Inspected

11.6 POOL HEATERS

Comments: Not Present

11.7 VERIFY THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET(S) AND ANY LIGHTING FOR POOL IS ON A GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT (GFCI)

Comments: Not Present

11.8 OVERFLOW SKIMMERS AND DRAINS

Comments: Inspected

11.9 CHEMICALS FOR POOL CAPABLE OF BEING STORED WITH A LOCK

Comments: No

No lock on door housing pool chemicals. Some pool chemicals are corrosive and chlorine can cause skin burns. Children playing around a pool where chemicals are unsecurely stored may come in contact with chemicals. Recommend installing lock on door to prevent unintended contact with harmful chemicals.



11.9 Picture 1 Shed housing pump, filter and chemicals.

11.10 DOES POOL HAVE ANY RESCUE EQUIPMENT

Comments: No

11.11 DO STEPS OR LADDERS EXIST ON BOTH SIDES OF THE POOL

Comments: Yes

11.12 IS THE POOL DEPTH MARKED ON OUTSIDE AREA OF POOL

Comments: No

11.13 IS THERE A DEPTH OF AT LEAST 8 FEET TO ALLOW SAFE DIVING

Comments: No

Depth measured at 7.5 feet in deep end.

11.14 ARE THERE ANY OBSTRUCTIONS (WALLS, SHRUBS etc.) THAT WOULD PREVENT FULL VIEW OF POOL FROM HOME

Comments: No

11.15 IS THE POOL FENCED

Comments: Yes

11.16 DOES FENCE HAVE A SELF CLOSING LATCH AND LOCK ON DOOR

Comments: No

Gate is not self-closing or self-latching. A proper gate enhances the safety aspects of pool. Recommend installing a self-closing and latching gate as desired.



11.16 Picture 1 Pool gate.

11.17 CAN FENCE BE CLIMBED BY THE USE OF PERSONAL ITEMS OR STRUCTURES AGAINST FENCE

Comments: Yes

Be aware that a low fence may be climbed by individuals not authorized in pool. A 5 foot or higher fence can inhibit unauthorized access. Recommend installing a higher fence as desired.



11.17 Picture 1 Fence height is 4 ft.

11.18 DOES THE DOOR LATCH HEIGHT AND LOCATION ATTEMPT TO BE REASONABLY DIFFICULT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN TO REACH

Comments: No

11.19 ELECTRIC LIGHTS SECURE

Comments: Yes

11.20 WATER LEVEL SHOULD BE WITHIN INCHES FROM RIM TO ALLOW AN EASIER CLIMB OUT

Comments: Yes

11.21 POOL DESIGN AT WATERS EDGE SHOULD NOT INCLUDE OBVIOUS PROTRUSIONS THAT COULD INJURE SWIMMER

Comments: Inspected

11.22 DOES THE SURFACE AROUND POOL ENCOURAGE DRAINAGE AWAY FROM POOL

Comments: Yes

Surface encourages water to drain away from pool.



11.22 Picture 1 Good drainage.