

**Thanks to efforts spearheaded by AAMP member Sampson Morris Group, most Allegheny County apartment pools no longer require lifeguards.**

Subject to certain requirements, apartment pools are no longer required to have a lifeguard on duty for a pool/pool area to be open. AAMP held free seminars (AAMP members) in cooperation with the Allegheny County Health Department, to educate members on the new rules.

Among the following common-sense requirements:

1. The pool must be no deeper than five feet (this requirement does not apply to existing pools)
2. The pool must not allow children under the age of 14 to be unsupervised
3. The pool must have a configuration that any point on the water's surface does not exceed 30 feet from the nearest deck (water surface area may be reduced by closing portions of the swimming area with adequate notice and supervision to prevent patrons from entering the closed area)
4. The pool must not have induced current or wave action
5. The pool cannot have a diving board or waterslide
6. Post various additional signage
7. Have certain safety equipment available.

In cooperation with the County, AAMP will be leading the educational outreach efforts. Please know that these changes do not prevent you from hiring a lifeguard if you so choose; it simply exempts apartment pools from the requirement. Subject to meeting the conditions for the new exemptions, it is up to the apartment community to determine whether to hire lifeguards, pool monitors or to have a pool be unsupervised. These changes do not affect any other County pool operation or maintenance requirements (such as water quality testing, as required).