

- 15.4.7.4 Off-site water activities.** For water activities away from the child care facility premises, the child care facility must provide an adequate number of water safety attendants, including lifeguards, as required by these rules, if the wading pool, swimming pool, beach, or water park operator does not, as well as comply with all applicable sections of these rules.
- 15.4.7.5 Use of lakes and ponds.** For the use of lakes and ponds away from the child care facility premises, the child care facility must comply with all applicable sections of these rules, including the following:
- 15.4.7.5.1 Parental permission.** Prior to allowing a child to participate in water activities in lakes and ponds, the child care facility must have written permission from the parent or legal guardian. The department-approved parental permission form shall describe the water activities offered at lakes and ponds, the child's swimming ability and shall include the child's name, location of the lake or pond, the parent's signature and date. At least annually, the written parental permission form must be updated, signed and dated by the parent or legal guardian. The signed and dated parental permission form must be placed in the file maintained by the child care facility for each child's records.
- 15.4.7.5.2 Parental notice that no lifeguard is on duty.** A child care facility that offers water activities at lakes and ponds when there is no lifeguard on duty must give a department-approved written notice to each child's parent or legal guardian that there will be no lifeguard on duty at lakes and ponds
- 15.4.7.5.3 Water safety plan.** The child care facility must have a written water safety plan for water activities at lakes and ponds that includes the following:
- 15.4.7.5.3.1** The same staff-to-child ratios for swimming pools at Section 15.4.9 in these rules, must apply to activities at lakes and ponds.
- 15.4.7.5.3.2** When no lifeguard is on duty, no fewer than 2 staff persons who are at least 18 years of age must be present at all times during water activities at lakes and ponds. When there is a lifeguard on duty at the lake or pond, the requirements of Section 15.4.9 apply.
- 15.4.7.5.3.3** Whether there is a lifeguard on duty or not, at all times during water activities at lakes and ponds at least one staff person present at the lake or pond must be an appropriately trained water safety attendant. When there

is no lifeguard on duty, the appropriately trained water safety attendant is a person who has completed a department-approved basic water safety course that includes training in non-swimming rescue techniques. At no time do these rules require that a lifeguard be on duty at lakes and ponds during water activities.

- 15.4.7.5.3.4** Whether there is a lifeguard on duty or not at the lake or pond, prior to any child entering the water, the child care facility must ensure that a barrier, such as a roped-off area with buoys, is in place that limits the swimming area in the lake or pond to an area that is no wider than 16 feet across at any point and partitions off a part of the water that is no deeper than 4 feet at any point.
- 15.4.7.5.3.5** When there is no lifeguard on duty at the lake or pond, all children 8 years of age and younger must wear a Coast Guard approved flotation device, properly fitted for age and weight, in the water at all times except during swim instruction programs. When there is a lifeguard on duty at the lake or pond, the requirements of Sections 15.4.1. and 15.4.11 apply.
- 15.4.7.5.3.6** When there is no lifeguard on duty at the lake or pond, all children over 8 years of age must wear a Coast Guard approved flotation device, properly fitted for age and weight, in the water at all times unless the child has taken swimming lessons and can demonstrate the ability to swim. During swim instruction programs the child does not need to wear a flotation device. When there is a lifeguard on duty at the lake or pond, the requirements of Sections 15.4.1. and 15.4.11 apply.