

All Pools, Permanent or Temporary require a permit in Dallastown Borough as required by the 2009 International Residential Building Code (2009 I.R.C.)

Any pool that can hold 24 inches of water or more requires a building permit in Dallastown Borough. Temporary pools (as shown in the picture), tend to be collapsed and put away every year at the end of summer. These pools will require an additional permit every year when the pool is set up again. Please contact the Borough office for additional details and permit requirements for your pool.



Inflatable Pool Statistics

Among children under 5 years of age, the average drowning deaths in pools and spas has risen from 267 per year during 2002-2004 to 283 per years for 2003-2005. A significant majority of deaths and injuries occur in private homes and usually involve one- to two-year-old children.

Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death among U.S. children ages 1 to 4. Among preschoolers who drowned, 7 of 10 children were under the care of at least one parent at the time, and 5 of 10 were out of sight for less than five minutes.

For every child who drowns, four others need hospitalization for near-drowning. Some of these hospitalized children suffer serious injuries like permanent brain damage or physical disabilities.

The most likely victims of drowning in swimming pools are young children ages 1 to 4. Two-thirds of all drowning accidents occur between May and September, and at least 40 percent happen on weekends.

Safety experts warn parents that it is easy for children to fall into inflatable pools because the sides are pliable. The covers on the pools are intended to keep debris out of the pool but are not strong enough to carry a person's weight. There have been incidents where children playing on an inflatable pool's cover got entangled and drowned.

Safety Tips:

* Comply with local codes when installing inflatable pools. Even in the absence of local regulation, consumers should put in safety measures (fencing, covers, and alarms) anyway.

* Supervise your children. While safety measures are important, the best defense against young children drowning is still parental supervision.

Information/statistics taken from article "More Child Drownings in Inflatable Pools"

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