SAFETY AND DEPTH MARKING REQUIREMENTS
2004 Rules Governing Public Swimming Pools

DEPTH MARKINGS
Placement:
1. On the vertical wall of the pool and on the edge of the deck next to the swimming pool
2. At points of maximum and minimum depths
3. At the transition point
4. Separate markings for Diving Area depths
5. Not greater than 25 feet apart

Minimum Requirements:
1. At least 4 inches high
2. In contrasting color to background; slip resistant finish
3. Must contain the word “feet” or abbreviation “ft”

NO DIVING
In areas where water is less than 5 feet deep:
1. On the pool deck
2. In contrasting color to background
3. No greater than 25 feet apart

Minimum Requirements:
1. “No Diving” in letters at least 4 inches high
2. 6 inch by 6 inch international symbol in red & black on a white background

REQUIRED SIGNS
Swimming Pools
☑ “WARNING -NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY” letters at least 4 inches high
☑ “CHILDREN SHOULD NOT USE THE SWIMMING POOL WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION” letters at least 1 inch high
☑ “ADULTS SHOULD NOT SWIM ALONE” letters at least 1 inch high
☑ The location of the emergency phone if not clearly visible from the pool no minimum letter size required
☑ A sign prohibiting pets and glass containers no minimum letter size required
☑ Pool Closed sign (for use whenever the pool is closed) no minimum size or wording
☑ Dialing instructions, address of the pool location and telephone number Legible, located at the emergency phone
☑ Sign directing pool users to shower before entering pool Visible upon entering the pool

Wading Pools
☑ “WARNING -NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY” letters at least 4 inches high
☑ The location of the emergency phone if not clearly visible from the pool no minimum letter size required
☑ No depth markings are required no minimum size or wording
☑ Pool Closed sign (for use when closed) letters at least ½ inch high (if pool has only one main drain)
☑ “WARNING To prevent serious injury do not allow children in wading pool if drain cover is broken or missing” Visible upon entering the pool
☑ Sign directing pool users to shower before entering pool

Spas
☑ The location of the emergency phone if not clearly visible from the pool no minimum letter size required
☑ No depth markings are required no minimum size or exact wording
☑ Sign requiring a shower for each user and prohibiting oils, body lotion, and minerals in the water no minimum size or wording
☑ Pool Closed sign (for use when closed) letters at least ½ inch in size
☑ “CAUTION”
- Pregnant women; elderly persons, and persons suffering from heart disease, diabetes, or high or low blood pressure should not enter the spa/hot tub without prior medical consultation and permission from their doctor;
- Do not use the spa/hot tub while under the influence of alcohol, tranquillizers, or other drugs that cause drowsiness or that raise or lower blood pressure;
- Do not use alone;
- Unsupervised use by children is prohibited;
- Enter and exit slowly;
- Observe reasonable time limits (that is, 10-15 minutes), then leave the water and cool down before returning for another brief stay;
- Long exposure may result in nausea, dizziness, or fainting;
- Keep all breakable objects out of the area.”