



# Risk Management *Tips*

## Keeping it Safe in Locker Rooms and Pool Areas

With the summer swim season on the horizon, now is the time to start thinking about loss prevention practices for your facility's locker rooms and wet areas. Here are a few guidelines to help prepare for a safe and successful swim season:

- Educate all employees about the importance of keeping floors free of slip, trip, and fall hazards.
- Document cleaning procedures and hourly inspections of wet areas. Make sure that mats do not present a tripping hazard.
- Examine all floors to ensure they are even and free of gaps, gouges, and broken areas. Make certain that steps and elevation changes are clearly visible.
- Use non-skid wax on tile floors with a Coefficient of Friction (CoF) of .5 or greater.
- Provide non-skid mats and/or use vinyl flooring designed for showers and wet areas.
- Clean mats, floor tiles, shower stalls, and sitting surfaces frequently to reduce bacterial growth.
- Prominently post pool rules.
- Display signage requiring swimmers to dry off in the pool area, so they do not track water throughout the facility.
- Use caution signs to warn of slippery conditions, particularly where patrons enter a building after pool use.
- Post conspicuous signage prohibiting the use of cell phones in locker rooms and pool areas, and explain why.
- Anchor umbrellas and tables, so they do not fly away during windy conditions.



### Federal Pool and Spa Safety Standards

Have you heard about the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Act? Does it apply to your pool?

Learn more: [Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Act](#).

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