

Practice Safe Supervision at Your Pool

When it comes to pool supervision, the more eyes the better. All pool and swimming activities must have at least one attentive, certified lifeguard present. To aid a certified lifeguard's efforts to watch over children from your center, the following child-to-supervisor ratios are recommended (not including lifeguards):

- 1:1 for ages 0 to 3
- 4:1 for ages 3 to 5
- 6:1 for age 5 and older

Also, inspect all drains to be sure that they do not present a suction hazard. Beware of strangulation hazards presented by ropes/floats that separate the shallow and deep ends.

If you have a safety or risk management question or a suggestion for a topic, please contact Markel's Risk Management Department at safety1st@markelcorp.com.