



# EL PASO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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## Swimming Pool and Spa Regulations Frequently Asked Questions

Due to budget cuts and unstable funding, the Health Department has curtailed its Water Quality Program in 2009. The following Q&A has been developed to assist the public with concerns related to water quality and provide helpful resources and referrals.

**Q: Where can I find information on Swimming Pool and Spa regulations?**

**A:** Visit the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Web site at

[www.cdphe.state.co.us/regulations/waterqualitycontroldivision/100305swimmingpoolsunofficial1103.pdf](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/regulations/waterqualitycontroldivision/100305swimmingpoolsunofficial1103.pdf)

**Q: Where can I get more information on the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act?**

**A:** Information regarding the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act can be obtained from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) at (301) 504-7908, or at the following Web sites:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/BUSINFO/pssaenforce.html>

[www.cpsc.gov/BUSINFO/poolspacomply.pdf](http://www.cpsc.gov/BUSINFO/poolspacomply.pdf)

To reach a local representative in Colorado regarding the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act, you may contact:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
West Slope Regional Office  
222 S. 6th St., Room 232 WQC-DWP-2030  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
**Phone: (970) 248-7150 ext. 7199**

**Q: Whom can I contact if I have review plans (blueprints) for a new or proposed remodel of a public or semi-public spray pool-fountain; therapeutic pool; swimming pool; wading pool; spa/hot tub; or public bath?**

**A:** The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Water Quality Control Division at:

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**Web site: [www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq)**

Local submission of plans for permits can be directed to:

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department  
2880 International Circle  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910  
**Phone: (719) 327-2880**  
**Web site: [www.pprbd.org/](http://www.pprbd.org/)**

**Q: Whom can I contact for educational materials for recreational water facilities in El Paso County?**

**A:** The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Water Quality Control Division:  
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Grand Junction, CO 81501  
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**Web site: [www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq)**

The National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF)—headquartered in Colorado Springs.  
National Swimming Pool Foundation  
4775 Granby Circle  
Colorado Springs, CO 80919-3131  
**Phone: 719-540-9119**  
**Web site: [www.nspf.com/](http://www.nspf.com/)**

**Q: Whom can I contact if I have a complaint regarding a recreational water facility?**

**A:** The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Water Quality Control Division at:  
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**Note:** If you have a concern about a potential illness outbreak associated with a recreational water facility in El Paso County, please contact the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment's Communicable Disease Program at 719-578-3220.

**Additional Resources:**

- For general information on recreational water safety, visit CDC's Web site: [www.cdc.gov/migrated\\_content/general\\_information/healthyswimming/safeswimming.html](http://www.cdc.gov/migrated_content/general_information/healthyswimming/safeswimming.html)
- For general information on Recreational Water Illness (RWI) outbreaks, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Healthy Swimming program. CDC offers information and resources to raise awareness about RWIs and how to prevent them by practicing "Healthy Swimming" behaviors. The Web site is: [www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming/](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming/)
- If you have experienced an illness that you believe is related to consumption of water from activity while within a water recreational facility, contact your medical provider.
- If you have general questions or concerns regarding a public or semi-public water recreational facility (e.g., spray pool-fountain, therapeutic pool, swimming pool, wading pool, spa/hot tub, public bath) please contact the owner, facility management or the local municipality in your area that oversees the water feature.
- For further information regarding water recreational facilities within our community, please contact the El Paso County Department of Health and Environment at (719) 575-8635 or visit our Web site: [www.elpasocountyhealth.org](http://www.elpasocountyhealth.org)