

# Emergency Equipment

## Required Emergency Equipment for Swimming Pools

Owners shall provide first aid and have emergency equipment readily available at swimming pool facilities during operating hours (WAC 246-260-041), including:

- A telephone within the facility for general use pools; A telephone accessible within one minute for limited use pool facilities;
- A suitable area to accommodate persons requiring first-aid treatment;
- A standard 16-unit first-aid kit (see below); and
- A blanket reserved for emergency use.

**For facilities with lifeguards:**

- A rescue tube or rescue buoy at each pool lifeguard station; and
- A backboard with means to secure a victim to a board and immobilize head, neck, and back.

**For pool facilities without lifeguards:**

- A reaching pole at least twelve feet long with a double crook life hook;
- A reaching pole at least twelve feet long for every fifteen hundred square feet of pool surface area; and
- A throwing buoy, throw-rope bag, or other similar device with a rope the width of the pool or fifty feet long, whichever is less, for reaching and retrieving a victim.

**First-Aid Kits for Pool Facilities (WAC 246-260-99902)**

**Standard 16-Unit Kit:**

Item	Units
Absorbent gauze 24"X72" (1 per package)	1
Adhesive bandages 1" (16 per package)	1
Bandage compresses 4" (1 per package)	2
Eye dressing (1 per package)	1
Scissors and tweezers	1
Triangular bandages 40" (1 per package)	2
Individualized antiseptic pads (3 per package)	1
Surgical gloves (2 pr. minimum, 4 recommended)	1
CPR mask (disposable or reusable type)	1
Adhesive gauze or elastic or self-adherent wrap roll material	1
Cold packs	1
First-aid cream or antibiotic ointment	1
1/2" or 1" rolls of tape (2 rolls per package)	1
Butterfly bandage	1
Knuckle or finger tip bandages	1
Body fluid clean up kit	1
Additional units of required units	1

