

# **Patron Responsibilities at NH Public Pools and Spas**

## **All Public Bathing Facilities:**

- 1) Patrons with any communicable disease shall not enter the pool.
- 2) Patrons shall not discharge any bodily fluids into the pool.
- 3) Patrons shall not bring or throw into the pool any object that may in any way carry contamination or otherwise endanger the safety of bathers.
- 4) Patrons shall not spit in or in any other way contaminate the water, floors, walkways, aisles, or dressing rooms associated with the pool.
- 5) Bathers shall take a cleansing shower before entering the pool.
- 6) Patrons shall not run or engage in boisterous rough play in the pool or on the deck or walkways around the pool or in the bathhouse associated with the pool.
- 7) Patrons shall not bring food or drink into the pool or within 4 feet of its edge.
- 8) Patrons shall not have glass containers in the pool or on the deck or in the bathhouse associated with the pool.

## **Spa: All of the above rules and the following:**

- 1) Patrons shall not use a public spa alone unless permitted by the operator or owner.
- 2) Patrons shall not use a public spa if under the influence of alcohol, anticoagulants, antihistamines, vasoconstrictors, vasodilators, stimulants, hypnotics, narcotics, or tranquilizers.
- 3) Patrons who are elderly, pregnant, or suffering from heart disease, diabetes, or high or low blood pressure shall not use a public spa without obtaining permission from their physician.
- 4) Unsupervised children under 14 years of age shall not use a public spa.
- 5) Bathers shall not use body oils or lotions.
- 6) Bathers shall not use a public spa for longer than a 10-minute immersion without a break period for cooling off.

**\*A functioning clock shall be visible from all public spas.**

**The operator of the Public Bathing Facility shall be responsible for posting conspicuously displayed signs that:**

- **Inform patrons of the safety rules which shall, at a minimum, include the rules listed above;**
- **Provide the location of the nearest telephone; and**
- **Notify patrons of the absence of a lifeguard, if one is not present, at each point of access.**