

Aquatic Risk Management & Your Facility

Risk management is the process of assessing exposure to risk and then taking whatever action is necessary to eliminate or minimize the risks and any impacts that result from those risks.

Risk management is incredibly important in the modern world due to increased legal action in cases of death or injury.

Aquatic facilities must pay special attention to issues of risk management as the leisure and recreation amenity provided for the use of patrons, the pool or waterfront, is inherently dangerous.

Benefits of Risk Management

Facilities that are proactive with their risk management efforts are in line with the performance expectations set by Insurers and Underwriters.

Other benefits of being proactive with your risk management practices may include:

- A general limitation of liability across all activities.
- Reductions in the number of injuries to patrons & staff.
- Fewer legal claims and court actions.
- A stronger defense when involved in a legal action.
- Reductions in insurance premiums.
- A better public reputation and recognition as a safe place to visit and enjoy.
- An overall safer facility.

Want More Information?

The Lifesaving Society is a national, charitable organization working to prevent drowning and water-related injury through its training programs, Water Smart® public education, drowning prevention research, safety management services, and lifesaving sport.

The Society establishes aquatic safety standards and consults widely on aquatic safety issues for aquatic facility owners and operators, governments, agencies and the judicial system.

Annually, over 1,000,000 Canadians participate in the Society's training programs. The Society also certifies all of Canada's National Lifeguards.

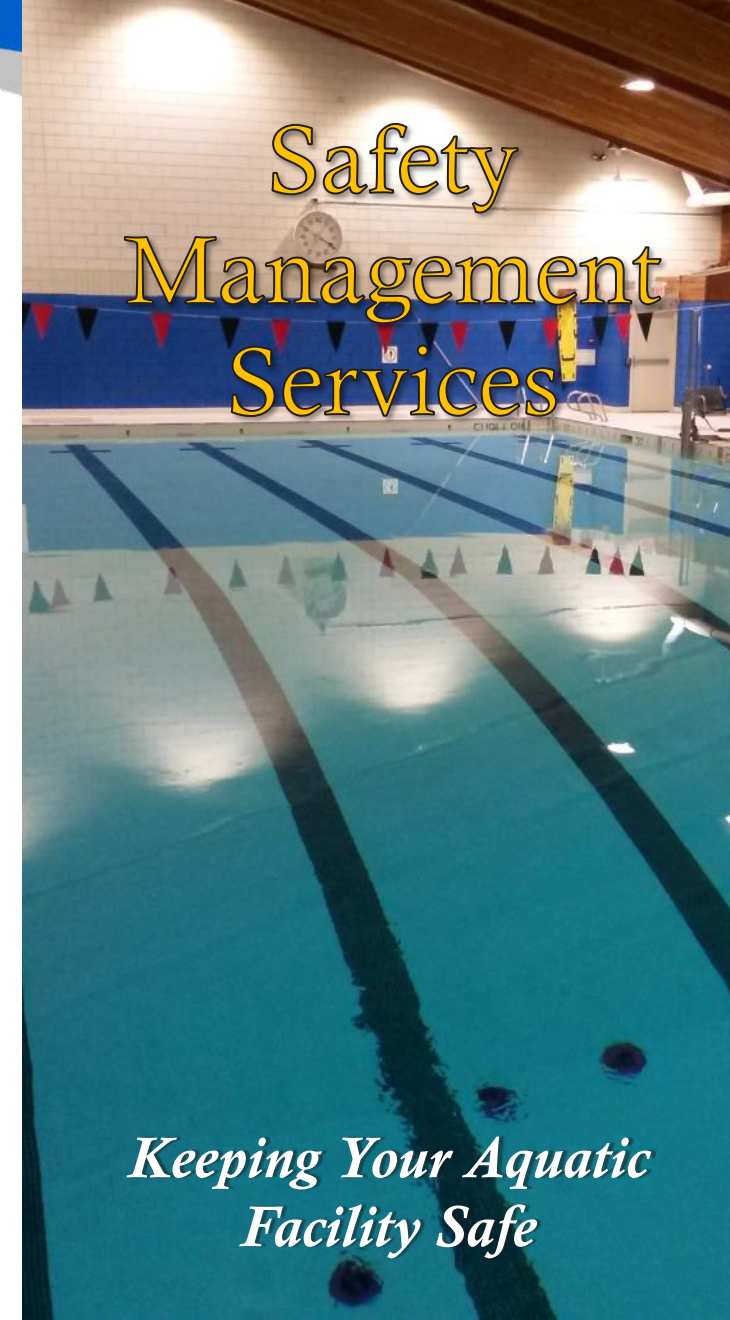
Each province and territory has a Branch that provides services to the local population. Contact your local branch for more information about any of the Society's initiatives.

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Supervision Evaluation & Enhancement (SEE) Audit

A Supervision Evaluation & Enhancement Audit is a targeted evaluation of how your lifeguard staff perform their safety supervision duties. One staff member is observed at a time during a given evaluation session. As part of a performance review you can arrange for some or all of your staff to be evaluated. SEE Audits are conducted by certified SEE Auditors.

Time Requirement: Varies

Safety Inspection

A Safety Inspection is an inspection of the facility's physical structure and operation conducted by a Lifesaving Society certified inspector. The inspection process is conducted using checklists developed by the Society and which focus on the facility's adherence to local regulations, industry best practices, and Lifesaving Society safety guidelines.

Time Requirement: 1-4 hours



Comprehensive Safety Audit

A Comprehensive Safety Audit is a comprehensive review of an aquatic facility's physical structure, general safety, operating procedures, staffing arrangements, facility management practices related to safety, and other operational practices, procedures and operating standards that may pertain to safe operation of the facility. It includes a Facility Safety Inspection, and may include SEE Audits of staff. Audits are conducted by a team of certified auditors appointed by the Lifesaving Society.

Time Requirement: Varies

Specialized Services

The Society provides consultations on a wide variety of aquatic safety topics. Additional services we can provide include:

- Reviews of blueprints & facility plans
- Reviews of accident data
- Audits of specific features in a facility
- Report writing



Aquatic Supervisor Training

This 10 hour course is targeted for deck level supervisory staff. Topics covered during the course will include the roles & responsibilities of aquatic supervisors, accident prevention, facility management, motivation of staff, and skills for planning organizing and programming in aquatic venues.

Prerequisites: National Lifeguard or Life-saving Instructor certification (need not be current), and 100 hours of experience as a lifeguard or instructor.

Aquatic Management Training

This 8 hour course is targeted at recreation professionals who are responsible for overseeing the operation of aquatic facilities. Topics covered during the course will include the roles & responsibilities of aquatic facility managers, aquatic risk management, staff training, and the operation of a safe aquatic environment.

Prerequisites: None, but recommended that participants are knowledgeable about the basic operating procedures of at least one aquatic facility.

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IT IS PREVENTABLE**