

# Lower Makefield Township Parks and Recreation



## The Pool at LMT Near Miss Incident Report

### Personal Information

Name: General Report Age: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
Address: 1050 Edgewood Rd. City: Yardley  
State: PA Zip Code: 19067  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

General Description: Camp from LMT and Middletown

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### Nature of the Incident

Date of Incident: 07/09/2021 Time: 9:00 – 11:30  AM  PM

Location: POOL

Describe Incident: See attached

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Describe Injuries: No Injuries

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Witnesses:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Actions Taken: See Attached

None  Ambulance  Police  Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Facility Information

Number of lifeguards on duty at time of incident:

Number of patrons in facility at time of incident: Over 200

Weather condition at time of incident: Hot and sunny

Water condition at time of incident: Normal

Name(s) of lifeguard(s) involved in incident:

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## Report Prepared By

Name: Lynn Todd Position: Operations Manger 7/14/21

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parks & Recreation Director: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Incident:

When I arrived at the pool Camp LMT was already at the facility and in the pool, a camp counselor was at the top of the slides. Then approximately 140 campers from Middletown arrived at the pool and needed to be swim tested for both slides and diving boards. Pool manager was on site to perform the test for approximately 50 – 75 children. I noticed a lot of crowding on the slide platform and on the stairs. I asked one of our camp counselors to help me control the crowd and have the children wait at the bottom of the slides for their turn. I then asked a Middletown counselor to stand at the bottom of the slides to make sure only allow 5 children went up the steps at a time.

Overall, the pool was understaffed and relied on camp counselors to manage slide operations.

Moving forward, if we are not able to properly staff any section of the pool or its amenities, it will be closed.

#### Action Taken:

Pool Manager, Operations Manager and Camp Manager, Program Manager were told by the Park & Recreation Director that only a certified Lifeguard 16+ is allowed to work at the top of the slides.

A Supply Request Form must be completed by management and given to the Pool Operations Manager. See appendix 4.3.

## Lost and Found

Lost and Found items are to be donated or disposed of the last Sunday of every month. Gate Attendants are responsible for keeping this area organized. Maintenance staff will sweep booths daily.

## ADA Chair Lifts

### Operation

The ADA chair lifts are to be operated by the Head Guard or Manager on Duty. The Lifeguard on the stand closest to the chair lift should signal for a Manager or Head Guard.

### Batteries

Batteries are to remain charged when not in use. Make sure connections are correct.

### Remote Control

The remote control is to be used when operating the ADA chairs. See Lift Remote Programming appendix 4.4.

## Furniture

Tables and chairs are to be wiped down and sanitized daily.

Chaise lounges and chairs need to be washed with a mild soap solution (1/4 cup of mild detergent to 3 gallons of warm water) with a soft brush. Rinse with clear water from a hose (not a pressure washer). This should be done every 2-3 weeks in season and **must** be done before the facility opens for the season and before furniture is stored for the winter.

## Slide Operation

The operation of the slide is extremely important. Failure to abide by the established rules puts the patron at a higher risk of injury and possible employee termination.

A test run must be conducted by lifeguard prior to opening to the public.

- The slide is only turned on and off by a Manager on Duty or Head Guard.
- Only certified lifeguards 16 years of age or older may be posted at the top of the slide. See memo from Donna Liney 1/11/06 appendix 4.5. In the event of an emergency the lifeguard at top may hit the emergency stop button
- All guards must be present and in position before anyone may use the slide.
- Sliders are sent down one at a time on each slide. DO NOT send a person down the slide until the person in front of them has cleared the splash down area. See Procedure Memos from B. Sharp dated 5/24/05 in appendix 4.6.
- Persons on the slide must be feet first, lying back with arms across the chest, see appendix 4.7.
- All children must be 42" as marked on posted signs. NO parents in water or on the slide with them.
- No running on stairs. The guards at the top and on stairs must regulate the flow of patrons. No more than six patrons on top of the slide at a time.
- The guard at bottom may be in the water or at the water's edge. No sitting, leaning, or being inattentive.
- No chains, clogging, surfing, and other games on the slide by anyone including the staff.
- No chairs at slide top.