

## Incident at the POOL

Monica Tierney <monicat@lmt.org>

Mon 7/1/2019 10:53 AM

To: Peter Erndwein <perndwein@dvtrusts.com>

Peter, We had an incident at the pool this weekend where the wind took one of our umbrellas and it blew across the pool and hit an 18 month old boy in the head. He had to go to the hospital and received four staples. We have made some changes to our facility since the incident. Is there any chance that you can come out and inspect to see if the changes we made are adequate. If you can do an overall risk assessment of the pool that would be great.

Thank you,

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POOL MEMBERS - This Sunday we had a wind incident at the pool that caused an umbrella to become airborne and hurt a small child. Safety order to create a safer environment for our pool members we have rearranged some of our tables and umbrella spaces. We have also moved edges of the pool. You will notice changes when you use the pool today. In addition, we are engaging our insurer to do a full risk assessment we can keep our patrons safe. The assessment will take place on Wednesday morning. We will make any necessary layout changes at that time.

Thank you,

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## RE: Risk assessment at the pool

Monica Tierney <monicat@lmt.org>

Wed 7/3/2019 2:25 PM

To: Suzanne Blundi <sblundilmtsupervisor@gmail.com>

There are a couple of options with the umbrellas, he liked that we moved the closest umbrellas to the pool. We will also moving the umbrellas next to the baby pool. We can replace a number of older bases. He suggested that we regularly tighten and check the bases.

We can also have some sort of barometer to determine wind speeds and put down the umbrellas when the wind reaches a certain speed. The trouble is that our members will still at times put them up when they are already down.

Another option would be to create more permanent shade structures with tables and seating and get rid of the umbrellas all together.

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**From:** Suzanne Blundi <sblundilmtsupervisor@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 03, 2019 1:22 PM

**To:** Monica Tierney <monicat@lmt.org>

**Subject:** Re: Risk assessment at the pool

What did they say about the umbrellas. What are the other changes you are making immediately?

Thanks!

Suzanne

On Wed, Jul 3, 2019 at 11:36 AM Monica Tierney <[monicat@lmt.org](mailto:monicat@lmt.org)> wrote:

All, Just to keep you in the loop. I just wanted to let you know I just completed a 2hours walk through with DVIT, as you know they do inspect our pool annually but for this inspection I asked him to be even more diligent and if he sees anything that could be a potential hazard but might not be a required change to do his due diligence. He was very happy with some of the things that we do voluntarily and some of the changes we made for safety this year. He was particularly happy to see the changes to the slide, the training we are offering, the preemployment screenings, our daily check lists and the age changes we made this year. He did make some recommendations that we will be changing ASAP and some that we will need to check over time. He plans to write up a full report for us this afternoon.

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## RE: Pool incident

Monica Tierney <monicat@lmt.org>

Mon 7/1/2019 2:41 PM

To: Kurt M. Ferguson <kurtf@lmt.org>; Kristin Tyler <ktyler@lmt.org>; Ken Coluzzi <kenc@lmt.org>

Cc: Daniel R. Grenier <dgrenier@lmt.org>; Suzanne Blundi <sblundi@lmt.org>; John Lewis <jlewis@lmt.org>; Fredric K Weiss <fweiss@lmt.org>

ALL,

I just wanted to give you a time line of events so you are all in the loop.

I was notified by Mike Brody, who was at the pool, that a little boy was injured at the Pool yesterday at about 4:00PM. I reached out to Jackie, Jackie was not on duty but gave me an update as soon as she got one. At that time our staff was working on the little boy and completing documentation. I was told an umbrella came lose and struck him in the head. I was out of town but was informed that the boy was ok and being transported to the hospital. At that time I notified Kurt, I told him that I would follow up on Monday.

Today I went to the pool at around 8:30 to get my eyes on the situation and get more information about what happened. Jackie was not on duty during the incident, we had two assistant managers on site at the time of the incident.

After a brief conversation with Jackie we determined that we will move any pool side umbrellas and some tables in order to make the area safer immediately. I contacted the boys father early this morning, he informed me that the boy is doing well he had to get 4 staples in his head and they are monitoring him for concussion. I asked him to keep us updated. He also told me that there was an incident at the beginning of the season where an umbrella blew away. I said I would reach out to mom too, he said afternoon was best.

I reached out to Kurt this morning, we were in agreement about moving umbrellas and contacting DVIT for a risk assessment.

I reached out to DVIT this morning, we set up a time to do a full risk assessment of the pool so we can predetermine any thing that may be a potential hazard like this in the future. We will meet on Wednesday. DVIT informed that we would need to collect all reports and video of the incident. He also asked that we take pictures of the base, table and location.

I sent out an email blast to the members this morning, so if they saw umbrellas moved they would understand that it is for safety.

I called mom this afternoon around 1:00. After talking to the mother she said she keeps running through the "what ifs" and said she is nervous to come back to the pool. She said it is very upsetting. She thinks the pool is the windiest place on earth and that it may take her a little time to reenter the pool but she would like to be a sport and try to come back soon. She also told me the story of an umbrella blowing away at the beginning of the season.

I talked to Josie Radzinski arrived at work today, around 2:00 today she filled me in she said the umbrella and table fell in the water. The umbrella broke fee. She said the LG on duty said the soft part of the umbrella first hit an older woman then flew to the shallow end of the water where the pole of the umbrella hit the little boy. Mom was holding the little boy at the time, she left the pool and someone helped her with a towel for the blood while the Josie and another LG went back to get the med kit. Josie worked on the wound, the bleeding stopped before the ambulance got there. The boy was put in the ambulance and went to the hospital. She told me that mom was in shock and a patron and her self and a patron were trying to help her to calm down. The police arrived before the ambulance and took a report.

I will keep you up to date about what DVIT says during the walk through on Wednesday.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2019 1:04 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Pool incident

Hello all:

There was an incident at the pool this weekend involving a small child being hit with an umbrella that fell into the pool along with a table. I have been coordinating with Monica this weekend and this morning to prepare an overview of what happened, how we are addressing the situation, how we are involving our insurance carrier to evaluate our site, and so on. I would anticipate that this will be send out within an hour or so. Thanks.

Kurt

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**From:** Kristin Tyler  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2019 12:47 PM  
**To:** Michael Brody <lmtbrody@gmail.com>; Kurt M. Ferguson <kurtf@lmt.org>; Ken Coluzzi <kenc@lmt.org>; Monica Tierney <monicat@lmt.org>  
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**Subject:** Re: Pool incident

I am unaware of the incident at the pool. I'm glad everyone acted appropriately. Can we please get a brief on what occurred? Thanks, Kristin

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**From:** Michael Brody <lmtbrody@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2019 12:37:33 PM  
**To:** Kurt M. Ferguson; Ken Coluzzi; Monica Tierney  
**Cc:** Daniel R. Grenier; Suzanne Blundi; John Lewis; Kristin Tyler; Fredric K Weiss  
**Subject:** Pool incident

Hi all

that arrived to take care of the accident yesterday. The pool staff was amazing. They understood the severity of the situation immediately, were on with 911 within 10-15 seconds of the accident, and they did a great job calming the family down and handling the incident appropriately. The officers and emts did a great job keeping everything calm, and getting the family out safely. I was with Mia right outside the lifeguard room when it all happened.

Kudos to the team in a difficult situation! They were really awesome.

Have a good one.

Brody

Sent from my iPhone