

Lower Makefield Township Parks and Recreation



The Pool at LMT Incident Report

Personal Information

Name: [Redacted] Age: 2 Male Female
Address: [Redacted] Rd City: [Redacted]
State: PA Zip Code: XXXXXX
Home Phone: [Redacted] Cell Phone: _____

General Description: _____

Nature of the Incident

Date of Incident: 6/30/19 Time: 4:00 AM PM
Location: Intermediate Pool
Describe Incident: Umbrella flew across intermediate, pole hit child in head
Describe Injuries: 1 1/2 inch gash in head

Witnesses:
Name: [Redacted] Phone: [Redacted]
Name: [Redacted] Phone: [Redacted]

Actions Taken:
 None Ambulance Police Other (describe) ambulance to hospital

Care Provided

Did patron accept medical attention?

Yes No

Was care provided by facility staff?

Yes No

Was EMS Called?

Yes No

Time 4:00

Was patron transported to an emergency facility?

Yes No

If yes, Where? St. Mary's

Name of person who provided care: [Redacted]

Describe in detail care given:

Supplied gauze sponges, cleaned blood

Patrons Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: All incidents will be handled in as timely a manner as possible. All of the guidelines of use of this facility can be found at www.lmt.org Thank you for your cooperation.

Facility Information

Number of lifeguards on duty at time of incident: 15

Number of patrons in facility at time of incident: _____

Weather condition at time of incident: sun, wind

Water condition at time of incident: ph 7.6, cl 2.2

Name(s) of lifeguard(s) involved in incident: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Report Prepared By

Name: [Redacted] Position: Asst. Manager

Signature: [Redacted]

Incident Report

6/30/19

From: [REDACTED] Assistant Manager
[REDACTED]

I was in the office at around 4 o'clock when I heard a double whistle from the intermediate pool. I got up and ran with one of the pool's headguards, [REDACTED]. We both witnessed a blue table umbrella flying across the intermediate pool and the next thing the both of us saw was a mother carrying her small child out of the pool with blood coming from one of them. [REDACTED] and I immediately turned around and ran back to the office to get our medical bag and to call 911. [REDACTED] stayed to call 911 and handle EMS. I grabbed the medical bag and ran back to the mother and child sitting on a lounge chair by the intermediate pool. The mother was holding 2 year old, [REDACTED] in her arms with a pool towel on the back of his head. The mom was already covered in his blood from a wound I had not located yet. Two patrons nearby helped calm down the mom and helped me take the towel off [REDACTED] head and start applying pressure with gauze on his wound. I realized I needed larger gauze pads for his wound so I ran back to the office to get bigger ones. I went back to the mom and son and me and a patron continued to hold pressure on the head wound and talk to the mom. Police showed up before the EMS and told us the ambulance was right behind them and they stayed to collect information. I then started to clean the blood off [REDACTED] and off [REDACTED] face. By the time EMS showed up the bleeding had stopped and I got a clear view of the cut. EMS had the dad go get the child's car seat to put on the stretcher. The family then left to go to St. Marys Hospital. I stayed to give my information to the police officers and then helped [REDACTED] fill the incident report out. I then sent our two maintenance workers to properly clean the blood off the pavement and I disposed of the bloody gauze and towels in a biohazard bag.

From: [REDACTED] Assistant Manager
[REDACTED]

I was at the lap pool helping a couple with the handicap chair lift when I heard the double whistle from intermediate. I did not immediately respond because I was busy with the lift and knew that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were by the office and would respond. After a minute or two when I had finished with the chair lift I noticed a lot of commotion by intermediate so I ran up to see what the issue was. I arrived and saw the mom holding her child with [REDACTED], and some other patrons around them already providing care. I took the phone from [REDACTED] and finished the 911 call while [REDACTED] went back to the office for more medical supplies. After I finished the call, I went back to the office and instructed one of the lifeguards on break to go stand at the front gate to wait for EMS to arrive and to direct them to the scene. From there I returned to the mom and child and began filling out an incident report on our green incident clipboard, and then returned to the office to fill out the official report. I found the family on Community Pass and put as much

information as I could, but could not get a signature from the parents as they had already left in the ambulance. I signed the incident report as well as [REDACTED] the lifeguard who was on stand at intermediate and saw the incident and double whistled.

From: [REDACTED] Head Guard
[REDACTED]

After hearing the double whistle from the intermediate pool, I ran over with [REDACTED] and immediately saw a mother sprinting out of the pool up the stairs holding her child tightly in a towel. There was blood all over the towel and his head so I pivoted and sprinted back to the office to call 911. On the phone they asked me for the child's age, if he was conscious or not, how the accident happened, if I thought he would need stitches, and for the pool phone number. I ran back over to the incident to give 911 all the information that I could. The child was crying and manager [REDACTED] was treating his wounds. I then gave my manager, [REDACTED] the phone to tell 911 the pool complex phone number and left for the front gate to escort the first police officer to arrive. I then went back to the front and waited for EMS and the ambulance to come. After the area cleared out I helped maintenance clean up the blood and I retrieved the first aid bag.

From: [REDACTED] Lifeguard
[REDACTED]

First, a gust of wind blew a table from the far left side of the intermediate pool knocking a table and the open umbrella into the pool. I immediately double-whistled to gain the attention of the head guard, [REDACTED]. The wind continued and blew the umbrella across the entire pool and hit an adult woman in the back of her head as it moved through the water. The umbrella was finally stopped at the opposite far right corner of the intermediate pool, and hit a little boy right before it stopped. The mother grabbed her child out of the pool and carried him under the awning. Adults immediately grabbed the umbrella out of the pool, closed it, and tossed it to the side of the pool. By this time, head guard, [REDACTED] and Assistant Manager, [REDACTED] appeared on the scene. I looked toward them as they ran up, and they noticed a mother holding her child, and many people began screaming for help. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] turned around and ran back to the office to grab the orange medical kit as parents continued screaming. Seconds later, the guards returned with the medical kit and started helping the mother and her son. [REDACTED] dialed 911, and [REDACTED] assisted in First Aid. Then, the police arrived and walked over to injured child. By this time, I had to rotate stands, and I moved up to the baby pool, and shortly after the paramedics arrived.



July 3, 2019

Ms. Monica Tierney, Director of Parks and Recreation
Lower Makefield Township
1100 Edgewood Road
Yardley PA 19067

RE: Safety Assessment of Municipal Pool

Dear Monica,

Pursuant to your request, what follows are recommendations resulting from our expedited risk management review of the Lower Makefield Township Municipal Pool conducted earlier today. At the time of the assessment, we were accompanied by Mr. [REDACTED] Pool Manager and Ms. Lynne Todd, Pool Operations Manager. I have compiled the recommendations using DVT's standard risk management recommendation format.

Over the course of the visit, in addition to visual inspection of the facilities, we also reviewed pool operation and emergency response procedures. Recommendations regarding these aspects have also been included below.

If you have any questions or additional needs, please contact me at 267-803-5713 or email perndwein@dvtrusts.com. I am copying Kurt on this letter as per the established township communication protocol.

Sincerely,

Peter Erndwein
Director of Risk Control

cc: Mr. Kurt Ferguson, Township Manager



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**RECOMMENDATIONS
POOL**

Risk control recommendations:

The risk control department recommends the following prioritization scheme for issued recommendations:

- “Critical” Requires immediate corrective action due to high likelihood of a loss
- “A” Address as soon as practical
- “B” Address within six months
- “C” Address within 12 months/long term planning consideration
- “M” Maintenance concern

Recommendations are issued in the following format:

A Priority	B Priority	C Priority	Maintenance
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Rec. No.: 19-07-1	Priority: B	Pool – Sun Umbrellas
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If it is decided to continue to supply sun umbrellas for pool guests, it is recommended that Lower Makefield consider upgrading all umbrella bases to 70 lb. commercial type with dual screw fasteners. The tightness of the fasteners should regularly be checked by the pool staff to ensure the umbrellas remain secure. A monthly inspection interval is recommended.

Example:



70 Lb. 2 Pc. Resin Coated Weighted Umbrella Base.

(0) Reviews: Write first review
 Description: 70 Lbs. Packed (1) 2 pc. base 20" round x 12" high. Surface mounting holes included. Two locking thumbscrews. Recommended for freestanding umbrellas. Available in white...More Details >
 SKU: Item #: FFWMB
 Condition: New

Source:
<https://www.nationaloutdoorfurniture.com/c-1322177-umbrellas-bases-umbrella-bases.html>

Status: New Recommendation for 2019.


Rec. No.: 19-07-2	Priority: A	Pool – Near Miss/Hit Reporting Process
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It is recommended that Lower Makefield implement an ongoing near miss/hit reporting process. All pool staff should be instructed to report any situation which could have resulted in a loss. Such situations should be appropriately investigated and the results of the investigation and any recommended corrective actions documented for review by management.

Status: New recommendation for 2019.

Rec. No.: 19-07-3	Priority: C	Pool – Formalized Work Order Process
It is recommended that Lower Makefield implement a formal work request process. The process might involve a simple email sent to a shared email account describing what work is required. The request could be routed to the appropriate maintenance personnel who could then mark what action was taken on the email. Finally, the completed work request could then be archived as a record of the corrective action.		
Status: New recommendation for 2019.		

Rec. No.: 19-07-4	Priority: B	Pool – Expanded Pre-Opening Inspection Checklist
It is recommended that Lower Makefield expand its existing pre-opening inspection checklist to include a visual inspection of all guest areas. Include visual checks to confirm the integrity of sun umbrellas and their weighted bases.		
Status: New recommendation for 2019.		


Rec. No.: 19-07-5	Priority: B	Pool – “No Diving” Pictograms
In conformance with the International Pool and Spa Code, it is recommended that Lower Makefield apply “No Diving” pictograms and depth markers as follows:		
<p><i>409.3 No diving symbol.</i> <i>Where the pool depth is 5 feet or less, the “No Diving” symbol shall be displayed. The symbol shall be placed on the deck at intervals of not greater than 25 feet and directly adjacent to a depth marker. Additional signage shall be in accordance with NEMA Z535.</i></p>		
<p>Source: https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ISPSC2018/chapter-4-public-swimming-pools</p>		
		





Source:


https://www.compliancesigns.com/NHE-15410.shtml?gs=12&msclkid=6d42fd57cfe81839e9efa04b33c3b2bf&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=SSS%20-%20DESKTOP%20ONLY%2020180222&utm_term=1100200001281&utm_content=SSS%20-%20All%20Products%20Created%2020150511


Status: New recommendation for 2019.

Rec. No.: 19-07-6	Priority: C	Pool - Light Posts
<p>The square tube steel light posts are known to crack at their base welds. To reduce the risk of a premature failure, it is recommended that all bases be visually inspected at least annually by maintenance staff and any light posts showing significant corrosion removed from service. In some cases, the bases are hidden by collars and seating features. These visual obstructions will need to be removed in order to properly inspect the base welds.</p>		
		
<p>Status: New recommendation for 2019.</p>		


Rec. No.: 19-07-7	Priority: A	Pool – Competition Pool
<p>It is recommended that Lower Makefield:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate the competition clock away from the pool edge. • Replace the electric cord on the clock (electrical tape repairs are not permitted in commercial applications). • Ensure all outdoor electrical equipment is plugged into outlets featuring ground fault circuit protection to reduce the risk of an electric shock incident. 		
		
<p>Status: New recommendation for 2019.</p>		


Rec. No.: 19-07-8	Priority: B	Pool – Water Slide
<p>It is recommended that Lower Makefield replace the damaged sections of anti-slip tape on the steps for the water slide.</p>		
		
<p>Status: New recommendation for 2019.</p>		


Rec. No.: 19-07-9	Priority: M	Pool – Water Slide
<p>The paint is coming up on the steps near the water slide. It is recommended that Lower Makefield recoat this area at the end of the season.</p>		
		
<p>Status: New recommendation for 2019.</p>		


Rec. No.: 19-07-10	Priority: A	Pool – Water Slide
<p>A maintenance grate was propped open at the base of the water slide. It is recommended that Lower Makefield ensure all maintenance grates be replaced when work is completed.</p>		
		
<p>Status: New recommendation for 2019.</p>		


Rec. No.: 19-07-11	Priority: A	Pool – Furniture/Equipment
<p>It is recommended that Lower Makefield educate the pool staff to remove damaged furniture/equipment from service. A damaged table was observed to still be in service.</p>		
		
<p>Status: New recommendation for 2019.</p>		

Rec. No.: 19-07-12	Priority: M	Pool – Sidewalk Adjacent to Kiddie Pool
<p>It is recommended that Lower Makefield repair the concrete sidewalk deterioration in the vicinity of the kiddie pool to eliminate the potential foot laceration hazard.</p>		
		
<p>Status: New recommendation for 2019.</p>		

Rec. No.: 19-07-13	Priority: B	Pool – Kiddie Pool Perimeter Fence
It is recommended that Lower Makefield chain closed the unsecured gate leading from the kiddie pool area to the picnic pavilion area.		
		
Status: New recommendation for 2019.		

Rec. No.: 19-07-14	Priority: M	Pool – Picnic Pavilion
It is recommended that Lower Makefield repair the damaged brick mortar to eliminate the potential foot laceration hazard.		
		
Status: New recommendation for 2019.		

Rec. No.: 19-07-15	Priority: A	Pool – Men’s Restroom
<p>It is recommended that Lower Makefield not utilize improvised door stops. These create a potential trip and fall exposure. Rubber wedge door stops are recommended.</p>		
		
<p>Status: New recommendation for 2019.</p>		

Rec. No.: 19-07-16	Priority: A	Pool – Perimeter Fencing
<p>The two perimeter fence gates adjacent to the snack shack were unsecured. It is recommended that Lower Makefield secure these gates to prevent unauthorized access into the pool facility.</p>		
		
<p>Status: New recommendation for 2019.</p>		