



Administrative Policy and Procedure

City of Prosser, Washington

SUBJECT: Emergency Closures		
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OVERVIEW

1. PURPOSE.

The safety of patrons at the Prosser Aquatic Center (PAC) is the City's paramount concern. The purpose of this section is to provide administrative rules to regulate the closure of the PAC for emergencies, such as but not limited to, inclement weather, equipment/mechanical failure, or pool contamination.

2. ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED.

This policy applies to the Recreation Department.

3. REFERENCES.

4. DEFINITIONS.

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5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Staff will endeavor to post all PAC closures on the City of Prosser's website, Facebook, and Twitter pages in a timely manner.

6. STATEMENTS OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES

6.1 Inclement Weather. Any weather condition that would jeopardize the safety of swimmers. See **Policy (REC.001)** for refund procedures in the event of the PAC closure due to inclement weather.

6.1.1 Thunder or Lightning. In the event of thunder or lightning, patrons must vacate the grass, deck, canopy, and pool areas immediately and seek temporary shelter until swimming can resume. Temporary shelter can be inside the restroom areas, unless a manager determines that the facility must be closed for the remainder of the day. The areas will remain closed for 30 minutes following the last occurrence of thunder or lightning.

6.1.2 Rainfall. If heavy rainfall prevents lifeguards from seeing the bottom of the pool, patrons will be required to vacate the pool area immediately.

6.2 Equipment/Mechanical Failure. Any equipment/mechanical failure that would jeopardize the safety of patrons. See **Policy (REC.001)** for refund procedures in the event of PAC closure due to equipment/mechanical failure.

6.3 Contamination. Bodily fluid and fecal contaminations pose a serious health risk to all using the PAC. If an accident occurs, this may result in all or portions of the facility being closed until conditions are safe for swimming. See **Policy (REC.001)** for refund procedures in the event of PAC closure due to contaminations.