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The Industry

The waterpark industry has produced an excellent track record of delivering safe family recreation. In fact, a visit to a waterpark is the safest way for families to play together in the water. Achieving these results takes a great amount of dedication and teamwork each day.

Annual attendance at North America's approximately 1,000 commercial and municipal waterparks has risen to more than 80 million, yet the attractions at these facilities constitute one of the safest forms of recreation available to the public. Bicycling, soccer, skiing, and numerous other similar activities lead to hundreds of thousands more injuries every year than those stemming from waterpark attractions of all types.

This record is due to many factors, the most fundamental one being that the waterpark industry is responsible, professional and subjected to a thorough set of internal safety checks and various independent examinations.

Swimming & Water Safety Training

We require children and weak swimmers to wear a CSA approved life jacket, which are offered on-site for complimentary use. See www.bingemans.com for further details.

Lifeguard Training

Bingemans makes safety the top priority in staff training, and today's professional lifeguards are trained to deliver an increasingly high standard of care. Crucial to these efforts is the industry's widespread use of formalized operational practices and programs. Only after lifeguards earn the required authorization through this training process are they then permitted to staff an attraction.

Employees are trained using procedures established by the facility working together with accreditation organizations such as The National Lifesaving Society, manufacturers, and insurers, and in accordance with applicable public laws. Training products and guidelines from industry groups are also used. These research-based processes are constantly documented, standardized, practiced, and upgraded.

Instructional areas cover water safety, CPR, first aid, and crowd control, and can also include use of automated external defibrillators & backboards. Consequently, Bingemans' lifeguards are well-trained in responding not only to water-related emergencies, but in spotting and reacting to life-threatening medical situations as well.

Water Quality

First-class water quality is also at the heart of Bingemans, and is thus regularly evaluated and maintained. Facilities work with outside consultants and government agencies to meet the highest public health standards.

Cases of water-borne illnesses at waterparks are extremely rare, and extraordinary measures are taken to keep this record intact. Personnel are trained to observe that infants and young children entering the water have on specially-designed disposable swimwear, which prevents leakage. Bingemans keeps this type of swimwear available on-site for purchase; further encouraging parents to join with staff in implementing these rules.

Guest/Facility Partnership

Utilizing Guest Relations, website information, signage, and staff, Bingemans work to enlist their visitors as partners in safety, especially with regard to heeding any height, weight, skill level, and health restrictions.

Medical Conditions:

Guests with seizure disorders or other serious medical conditions must be accompanied by an individual knowledgeable of their condition and responsible for their direct supervision.

Guests with heart conditions, neck or back problems, physical disabilities or expectant mothers are not permitted on the waterslides.

Waterpark Safety Tips

- Dress appropriately, including a hat and loose shirt for when you've had enough sun. Monitor how much sun children, especially toddlers, are exposed to.
- Apply waterproof sunscreen before leaving home (reapply throughout the day) and drink plenty of fluids (avoiding those heavily sweetened or with caffeine).
- Make sure non-swimmers and weak swimmers have a life vest. Bring your own CSA approved life jacket if you are unsure of availability and fit.
- Children in diapers must be dressed in waterproof swim diapers to prevent leakage. Change diapers only in designated changing areas.
- Read the sign at every waterpark ride and obey its rules and experience-level guidelines.
- Follow the lifeguard's instructions and signal them if you see someone in trouble.
- When travelling with a group, designate a meeting place in case someone becomes separated from your party. The buddy system is an excellent way to ensure no children are left alone.

Follow 3 basic guidelines to prevent disease transmission:

1. Do not swim if you have diarrhea. This is especially important for children in diapers.
2. Do NOT swallow the pool water. Try to avoid getting water in your mouth if possible.
3. Practice good hygiene and shower before swimming. Also, wash your hands thoroughly after using the toilet or changing diapers.

In addition to these steps, we recommend these additional steps for parents with young children:

1. Take your children to the bathroom often throughout the day.
2. Change diapers in a bathroom and away from the pool. Germs can be spread from objects around the pool.
3. Wash your child thoroughly with soap and water before going swimming.



Additional Resources
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These are some of many useful tips to assist with your waterpark safety

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