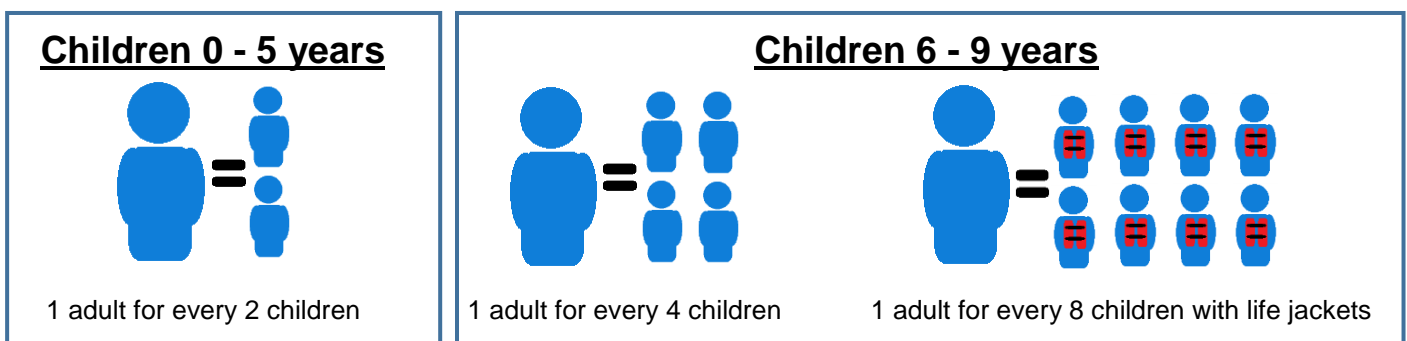


# Public Pools Admission Standards

“Every owner and every operator of a **Class A pool** shall ensure that there is a process in place to ensure a guardian or designated person supervises children under 10 years of age. The process must include a swimming competency test and a method of communicating the requirements of the process.” O. Reg. 565/17 s.17 (21).

**All children under 10 years of age must be supervised by a guardian.**

Recommended supervision ratios\*:



\* If a child **passes** the facility swimming test they could be admitted, if the facility approves, in addition to the above recommended limits.

**Class B Pools:** Bathers under 12 years of age must be supervised by a guardian who is not less than 16 years of age.

*Admission Standards for Public Pools were developed by the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario as recommendations to assist lifeguards and assistant lifeguards in maintaining adequate surveillance over the whereabouts and the activities of young bathers while they are inside the pool enclosure.*

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