

1. **TITLE:** SUPERVISION OF DIVING TOWERS AND SPRINGBOARDS
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3. **PURPOSE:** To provide guidance for the safe use of diving towers and springboards.
4. **DESCRIPTION:**
 - 4.1 The diving tower(s), platform(s) and springboard(s) should be inspected and checked as safe prior to use on each day of operation.
Faulty equipment should be isolated, signposted and reported for repair under normal operating procedures.
 - 4.2
 - (a) Diving towers and springboards should be supervised at all times they are open for use.
 - (b) The supervisor of lifeguard should be trained to recover a person from the deepest pool.
 - (c) Swim fins can be used by supervisors in an emergency to aid submerging to deep water.
 - (d) Access to the diving tower should be restricted except during periods when the tower is in use for diving.
 - (e) Queuing and congestion on narrow stairways should be avoided.
 - 4.3 A water spray using recirculated pool water where available should be used for diving competition in order to avoid distraction of glare and reflection from natural or artificial light, and to provide diver recognition of the surface of the water.
 - 4.4
 - (a) Entry to the diving area from poolside should not be allowed when the diving boards are in use, thus avoiding the risk of a collision.
 - (b) Entry off the tower or springboard should only be allowed when the previous user is exiting or has exited the pool.
 - 4.5 Signs which encourage safe use of diving towers and springboards should be displayed.
 - 4.6
 - (a) When divers are using a diving tower and springboard which enter the same pool, divers on the tower should have the right of way.
 - (b) Recreational swimmers should only use one board or platform in any one session. © RLSSA *Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations For distribution as part of Health Regulations (Swimming Pools) Review only. No part of these Guidelines can be copied or re-distributed by any party without permission of RLSSA.*
 - (c) Springboards and towers located on opposite sides of a diving pool should not be used at the same time.
 - 4.7 Particular care should be taken in open air pools on windy and busy days to avoid injury.
 - 4.8 Water clarity in diving pools should be regularly monitored.
 - 4.9 Only one diver should be on any board or platform at any one time.
A maximum of two (2) bounces per dive from a springboard should be allowed.
 - 4.10
 - (a) The diving pool must be free from any obstruction eg lane ropes, polo nets when in use for diving.
 - (b) Where diving boards are installed at the deep end of a multi-use pool, there must be at least 2.5 metres of clear space on each side of the board.