

## **Procedures: Aquatic Therapy Safety**

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The door from the clinic to the pool is locked with a **magnetic lock** that can be disengaged by pushing the button, located approximately six feet above the floor. The door must be kept closed to ensure the magnetic lock is engaged. When aquatic therapy is not in session, the door should also be locked (2 locks).

The **gate** between the party deck and the pool ramp also has a **safety latch**. This gate must be kept closed and latched at all times.

When a therapist is in the pool with a patient, another employee should be present (on deck or in the pool) in case of emergency.

In case of thunder and lightning, therapy should be halted and everyone should seek shelter inside. Outdoor therapy may not be resumed until thirty minutes has passed from the last incidence of thunder or lightning. (refer to Weather Safety)

No child should be left unattended or out of physical reach of a responsible adult when in the pool or near the pool. No child is to be on the party deck without adult supervision on deck.

Patients and therapists only are permitted in the pool. Parents may participate with express permission and purpose. No siblings will be permitted in the pool.

Therapists are responsible for keeping the pool and deck neat, clean, and safe. Equipment should be replaced in appropriate containment systems following use.