



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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## **Reasons to Close a Pool or Spa:**

Ohio Administrative Code 3701-31-04: Responsibilities of the licensee:

**Operations** - The licensee of a public swimming pool shall maintain the pool, its components, appurtenant facilities and the surrounding area in a safe, clean and sanitary condition, in good repair and in accordance with this chapter.

**Critical operational items** - The licensee **shall not operate** a public swimming pool or portion thereof when an imminent health hazard is present, including but not limited to the following:

- a. When a main drain cover is not properly installed, securely fastened or in compliance with current standards.
- b. When a safety vacuum release system is not functioning.
- c. When the disinfectant residual is less than what is required.
- d. When the circulation and/or disinfection system is not operating properly.
- e. When an automatic chemical controller is not functioning.
- f. When a lifeguard is not provided as is required.
- g. When water clarity is insufficient.
- h. When lighting (natural or artificial) is insufficient to see the bottom of the pool.
- i. When a fecal accident has occurred, until it has been properly treated.
- j. When a recreational waterborne illness is linked to a pool.
- k. When chemical storage is improper, posing an imminent health hazard.
- l. When there is an electrical hazard.