

Several Water Safety Notes:

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Several notes that may have an impact on Water Safety more than one may realize.

1. The State of California is currently reviewing a bill AB 470 that would increase the number of safety devices from one device to two devices for new pools and pools that are being renovated. A safety device is a ring bouy, shepherds hook, life ring & float line. The more the better in my eyes and the layer of protection kicks in with more than one device present. The bill also mandates that residential pools be inspected before a home is sold to insure the safety codes are meant. This will be great if passes!!!

2. Another bill on the Federal level is a bill that would require hotels & motels to have two phones on deck. One phone for the front desk and another phone to call 911 or the local emergency number directly. Again adding to the layer of protection for hotel & motel pools. This will be great move forward for water safety!!!

3. The National Environmental Health Association will start the process of updating and reviewing the national codes for the treating of Recreation Water Illness (RWI). On Jan. 18-19 the first conference to start the process will take place. The outcome of this conference may have a huge impact in the years to come. What I have heard through the grapevine is that there will be a push to

require all public and hotel/motel pools to have two forms of sanitation methods. Most pools right now only have one form of sanitation and most common is Chlorine. Adding a second form such as Ozone, UV or Advance Oxidation Process (AOP) would be an awesome and bold requirement BUT the impact of pools, agencies and businesses to be able to install and maintain the extremely expensive second sanitation method would be very hard to achieve. This will be a must to follow.

4. Now for the fun one.....In the State of Texas there is a debate taking place on if a "surf pool" is a "pool". Currently there is no definition of a "surf pool" and builder are not having to follow the same guidelines and rules on building and operating a "surf pool" as the builders and operators that are building a "pool". The fast growing segment of "surf pools" are all watching this debate.

Next article will be about sun screens. :)