

## Referees Safety Checklist



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  - Locate nearest exits
  - Locate and meet facility Manager and Safety Staff leader
  - Check Emergency Action Plan
  - Locate first aid equipment,  check contents
  - Is the pool chemical balance and temperature OK?
  - Locate emergency call phone and **numbers**
  - Locate:  backboard,  blood spill equipment and  AED
  - Ambulance - on campus or external?  Directions to the pool available?
  - Note dangerous areas including loose cords or electric wires - resolve
  - Forms** – Are Report of Occurrence forms available?
- **911 and Lightning Protocols**  Learn - Convey to coaches, officials  
 Who monitors lightning?  Are there "Safe" areas?
- **Marshals**
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  - Is pool deep enough to use starting platforms?
  - Is diving board blocked off, and not hazardous?
  - Are the lane lines safe?  loose wires,  stable anchors.
  - Are ladders safe?
  - Is training equipment out of the way?
  - Is the deck too slippery?
  - Are there any open pole or starting block holes?
  - Touch Pad and Anchors:  sharp edges,  projections
  - Consider accommodations for swimmers with disabilities
  - Is there sufficient gathering area behind the blocks?
  - Are Spectators separated from Meet Operation areas?
  - Can Officials operate safely and without interference?
  - Shade, Hydration and Chairs for Officials and Timers.
  - Warmup Pool – don't forget all of above that's applicable.
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