

PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION
222 UPPER STREET, LONDON N1 1XR
STANDARD CONDITIONS
FOR PREMISES PROVIDING SPA POOL AND JACUZZI FACILITIES
London Local Authorities Act 1991-2000

These conditions are to be read in conjunction with the Standard Conditions for Special Treatment Premises. Other conditions may be added to licences if circumstances warrant this.

Definitions

Spa Pools & Jacuzzis:

For the purpose of these standard conditions a Spa Pool/Jacuzzi is defined as a pool full of warm water at approximately body temperature, designed for sitting in rather than swimming. It has jets of water, air bubbles or combination of both to provide a warm water massage.

CONSULTATION

1. All clients should complete a client consultation card before their first use of the spa pool to ascertain any issues for concern. The assessment should ascertain if the client is:
 - a) Pregnant;
 - b) Suffering from heart disease, circulatory problems, high or low blood pressure;
 - c) Diabetic;
 - d) Suffering from infectious skin disease, sores and wounds;
 - e) Taking antihistamines, anticoagulants, vasoconstrictors, vasodilators, stimulants, hypnotics, narcotics or tranquillisers or any other medication which makes the therapist or licence holder unsure as to the advisability of using the spa pool.

If the client has answered yes to any of these then they should be advised to consult their GP before using the spa/Jacuzzi.

The licensee/therapist should also determine if the client has:

- a) Consumed a heavy meal within the previous one and a half hours; and/or
- b) Consumed alcohol within the previous one and a half hours.

If the client answers yes to either of the two above questions they should be advised not to use the facilities until the required period has elapsed.

3. The consultation records must be available for inspection on the request of an authorised officer and be retained for a minimum of two years.

AGE

4. No person under the age of 16 is allowed to use the spa/Jacuzzi.
5. Any person wishing to receive a licensable treatment will need to provide proof of their age if they look under 25.
6. Licensees must advertise this policy so that all clients are made aware that they may be challenged about their age if they look under 25.

7. Acceptable forms of ID are accredited proof of age cards e.g. Citizencard, a Passport, or UK Driving Licence bearing the photograph and date of birth of the bearer a photo driving licence, passport or the PASS hologram proof of age card.
8. Where a challenge is made, it must be recorded and proof age also noted on the client consultation record.

METHOD

9. The licensee must operate in accordance with the requirements of the Health and Safety Executive Approved Code of Practice and Guidance L8, "The Control of Legionella Bacteria in Water Systems", in relation to the management of the Spa Pool and/or Jacuzzi.
10. The licensee is to ensure that any spa or aerated water bath is operated in a safe and hygienic manner in accordance with appropriate guidelines on pool operation.
11. Suitable and compatible treatment chemicals are to be used to maintain a consistent water quality. Regular testing of the water is to be carried out by or on behalf of the licensee to confirm that the water is chemically and bacteriologically within acceptable limits.
12. Persons responsible for the supervision, operation, testing of water and cleaning of the pool are to have such qualifications and/or experience as are required by the Council. The operation of the pool includes work with the water treatments system, filter pump and valve.
13. The licensee is to keep records of all chemical and bacteriological tests required in condition 11 above. These records are to be kept on the premises for a period of not less than two years and must be available for inspection by an authorised officer on request.
14. The licensee must have a written policy of action to be taken in the event of an unsatisfactory microbiological result or other health concerns associated with use of the pool.
15. There must be a non-verbal alarm system in the vicinity linked to a manned reception area for summoning help when users are left unattended. The alarm should continue to sound until it is manually switched to the 'off' position in order to silence it. The user must be made aware of the alert mechanism and how to use it.
16. The licensee shall have a written policy detailing the action to be taken in the event of the alert mechanism being used. This shall be communicated to all relevant personnel.
17. All equipment shall be of sound mechanical construction and regularly maintained. Records of maintenance should be held for inspection by authorised officers.
18. The licensee shall have a written procedure detailing steps taken to ensure the maximum bather load for the facility is not exceeded.
19. A notice providing information on the use of the spa pool must be clearly displayed near each unit and a rest area for users should be provided.
20. The spa pool must be emptied and refilled at regular intervals in accordance with the manufacturer's guidance and usage but in any event at least every week.
21. The water circulation system must be run for a minimum of 3 hours/day and preferably continuously.
22. Water jets must be operated for a minimum of 1 hour/day.
23. The pool must be drained and refilled if left unused for 5 days or more.