

The Product

The Model Aquatic Health Code

The MAHC is a free resource, based on science and best practices, to help state and local health professionals make swimming and other water activities healthier and safer.

68% of local health departments regulate or inspect public swimming pools and facilities.

The MAHC is NOT a federal law. It's model CDC guidance that states and local communities can voluntarily adopt to minimize drowning, illness, and injury linked to public pools, hot tubs/spas, and water playgrounds.

Use the MAHC





To update existing codes for public swimming pools and other aquatic facilities



To incorporate guidelines based on science and best practices into state and local aquatic programs



However you want: use, change, and incorporate the entire MAHC—or just pieces of it—into state or local health codes

The MAHC can help:



Prevent drowning, illness, and injury



Raise minimum standards and reduce inspection violations



Keep pools open for more summer and year-round fun

Help make swimming healthier and safer.



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