



The Problem

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.



300+ million



Trips people in the U.S. make to pools and other swimming areas each year

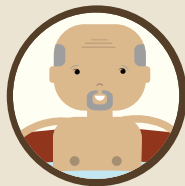
People who swim can enjoy



Increased physical & mental health



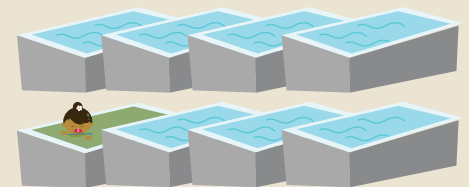
Lower risk for chronic diseases, joint & muscle pain, death



Increased quality of life & decreased disability in older age

But some places we swim aren't clean or safe.

1 in 8



Pools closed immediately on routine inspection for critical health and safety problems

Problems can lead to:

Drowning

A leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 1-14

Outbreaks

Nearly 500 disease outbreaks linked to pools, hot tubs/spas, and water playgrounds occurred from 2000 to 2014

Emergency Department Visits

Between 3,000 - 5,000 people visit the ER each year for an injury from a pool chemical—almost half of visits are among kids

Help make swimming healthier and safer.

