

HSG179 – HEALTH AND SAFETY IN SWIMMING POOLS

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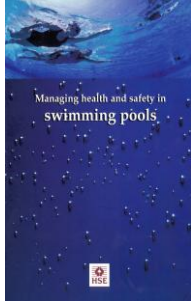
Review of guidance project 

- Aim:
 - To review HSE's external guidance to ensure it represents a practical and proportionate approach that helps organisations comply with health and safety law
- Objectives:
 - Reduce burdens on businesses
 - Ensure key guidance is up to date and fit for purpose
 - Consistency of message within and across publications

Publishing principles used by HSE 

- Business need
- Designed to provide users with confidence in how to comply with the law
- Organised around the user's way of working
- Easy for the intended users to understand
- Based on a good understanding of users
- Easy to access
- Reviewed and maintained

HSG179 - Current guidance



- First published in 1988, rev. 1999, & 2003
- Regarded as core industry guidance
- Generally fit for purpose
- Improvements could be made
- British Standards 2008
- Industry guidance

HSG179 review project



- Audience:
 - pool operators
 - H&S regulators
- Objectives:
 - provide up-to-date, authoritative guidance
 - enhance health and safety standards and compliance

Initial stages



- Industry familiarisation
- Agreement to retain and revise the guidance
- Review of existing industry guidance
- Discussion with industry stakeholders

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- Re-structure
 - poolside / plant room
 - pool type
- Management
 - arrangements
 - competencies
- Align with British Standards
- Plant and water treatment – PWTAG
- Design issues – Sport England

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- Clarity of legal duty v guidance
 - status of guidance
- Risk assessments
 - what to consider
 - site specific
 - examples
- Poolside supervision
 - lifeguard v pool attendant v first aider
 - competency v training
- Child admissions

Next stage



- HSE edit and restructure existing text
- Further stakeholder comment
- Additional text drafted
 - HSE
 - stakeholders
- Aim to publish March 2014



Thank You

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