

PA-15 SWIM LIFEGUARD SKILLS

**MANDATORY
(ALL)**

A camp must have written documentation that every camp lifeguard has demonstrated skill in rescue and emergency procedures specific to the aquatic area and activities guarded.

INTERPRETATION: The intent of this standard is to help assure that lifeguards can execute the skills represented by the certification that they hold, and to be sure that they have the appropriate training and skills to perform rescues in the type of water/location (e.g., pool, lake, ocean, river, whitewater, etc.) and type of activities being guarded. In some cases, additional certification may be required, as in surf or whitewater conditions. These skills must be verified and documented by the camp aquatics supervisor. Skills of the aquatic supervisor may be evaluated by his/her supervisor or another currently certified lifeguard. When lifeguards are trained at the camp facility, the camp should have the lifeguard trainer demonstrate competency in the skills essential for that particular campsite.

The *ACA Accreditation Standards Resource CD-ROM* should be consulted for lifeguard skills and rescue verification checklist.

COMPLIANCE DEMONSTRATION: Visitor observation of completed skill checklists/verification documents specific to the aquatic area and activities guarded; director/staff description of skill verification process.

WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED



Does not apply if the camp only serves user groups who provide their own lifeguards.

Applies to:

- Day camps
- Resident camps
- Short-term resident programs
- User-group programs