

Seattle Parks and Recreation
Operations Under Americans With Disabilities Act
SWIMMING POOL PROGRAMS

We encourage the use of pools by those with disabilities. The following provides a clear separation of what Seattle Parks and Recreation staff may do to assist a person with a disability, and what can not be done.

WE WILL

- We will continue to focus on the facility design for improved accessibility
- We will provide a sign language interpreter for swimming lesson programs
- We will offer discount pricing to those who request the special populations rate offered for specific programs.
- We will provide group swimming lesson instruction. In using our professional expertise we will determine the appropriate learning situation for each student.
- We will provide free pool admission to an attendant who is required in the water to allow a person with special needs to participate in swimming programs.
- We will allow “Service” dogs, as defined by ADA, access to swimming pool natatoriums and locker rooms. Dogs must remain on a leash (56” maximum), may not go in the water, and must remain quiet on the pool deck so they will not pose a hazard to swimmers or lifeguards. Family Changing Rooms are made available at most facilities.
- We will operate the handicapped lift for entry into the pool

WE WILL NOT

- We will not provide any level of personal care (dressing and undressing). Staff are not expected to be in a locker room to assist in any way.
- We will not allow the handicapped lift chair to be used for any purpose other than to use the lift. It may not be used to provide transportation to a personal car or for showering. The chair is not available for personal use, but is only for use of the handicapped lift.
- We will not provide an attendant to provide personal care, lifting, transportation and other related services, etc...
- Allow “Companion” animals into the facility.

INTERPRETER SERVICES

- Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 322-5551
- Tell them what the pool needs, dates/times, male/female, in-the-water, recreation-minded, etc
- Minimum charge is one hour in the range of \$40 to \$50; code to 741190; pool pays this bill.

LIFTS AND STAIRS

All pool will be equipped with a means allowing water access for a person with a disability. A lift and/or stairs will provide access to the pool.