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Do I need a pool life guard?

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Reduced revenue, increasing operating costs are with us, the public are finding it hard to make ends meet and with an increase in the litigation compensation claim culture growing. **We need our defence.**

The squeeze is on companies and financial risk is growing, Swimming pools are a high risk area and need to be managed and protected.

Some hotels use the signs to say that the pool has no attendant with the feeling this will give them protection, in some circumstances it will but most of the time **your liable**, there are ways to reduce liability by following a process of health and safety quality assurance; I don't just mean having people on duty.

Pool life guard training ,Step 1

You have to have somebody who has been trained even if not a lifeguard

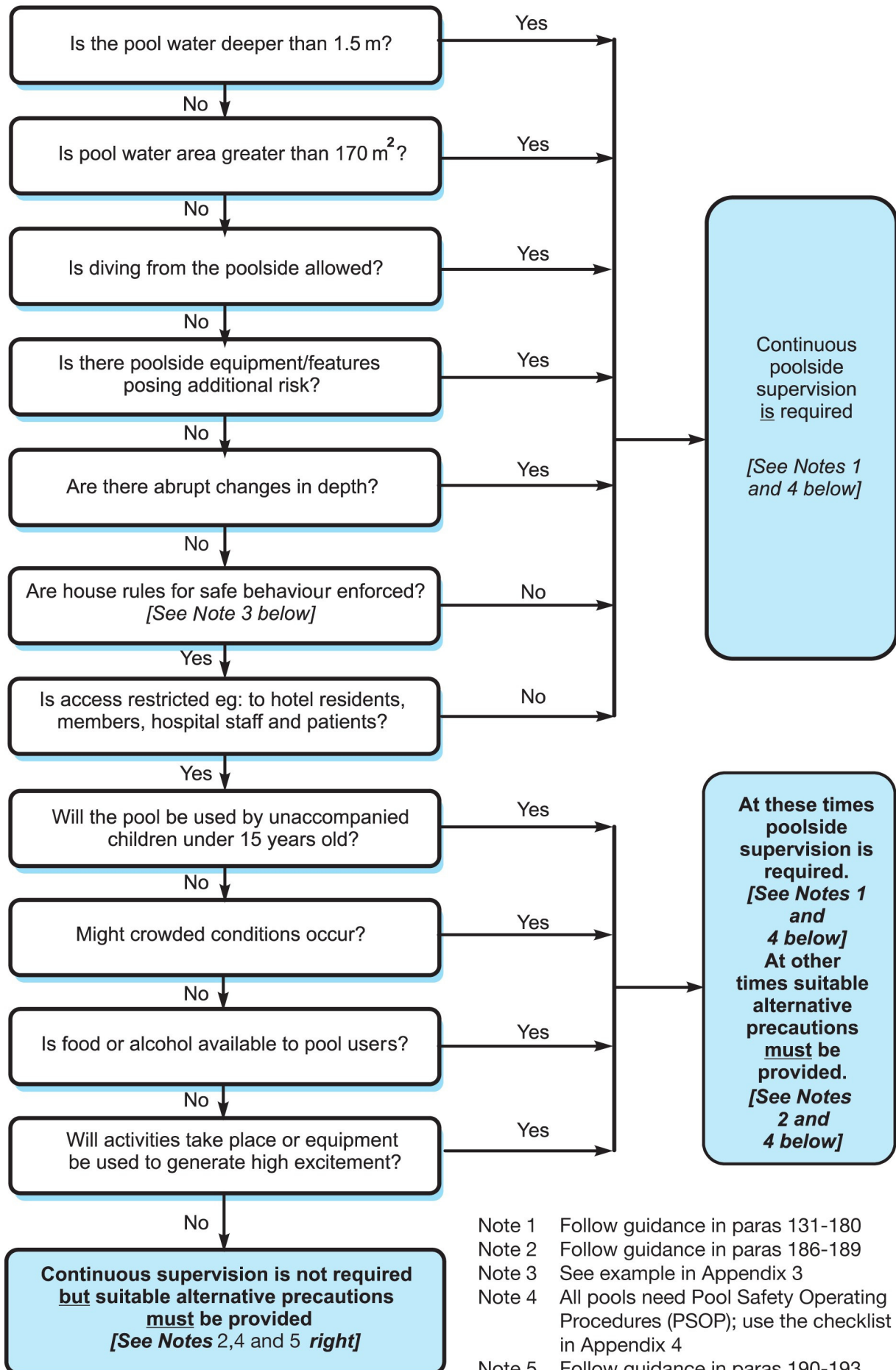


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This flowchart illustrates the steps to be followed by a pool operator in order to determine the need (or otherwise) for continuous/occasional supervision of smaller pools by lifeguards. It is based upon text in paragraph 186 to 189



- Note 1 Follow guidance in paras 131-180
- Note 2 Follow guidance in paras 186-189
- Note 3 See example in Appendix 3
- Note 4 All pools need Pool Safety Operating Procedures (PSOP); use the checklist in Appendix 4
- Note 5 Follow guidance in paras 190-193