

# Risk assessment



Lifesaving  
education programs

Extension for be aware, be prepared

Participants will learn the importance of conducting a risk assessment and how to complete one.

## Equipment:

- ☐ Risk assessment example
- ☐ Whiteboards
- ☐ Markers

## Resources/links

View an example of a risk assessment here



- 1 Explain the steps for conducting a risk assessment of an open water or pool setting.
- 2 In pairs, participants review the location for risks, walking to each area and making notes on whiteboards on any issues with:
  - Entry and exits – Are they safe, clear of hazards, easy to find?
  - Emergency information – Where is it? Can you easily see the location name and details?
  - Weather check – No storms, thunder, recent rains.
  - Hazards around the water – Is there anything you could trip or fall on?
  - First Aid – Who will help in an emergency? Is there a defibrillator? Where is the first aid kit stored?
  - Hazards in the water (ensure ratios are covered before participants enter the water) – Is the water clean and clear? No broken filters, broken tiles, too many pool toys? Are there strong currents, submerged objects, algae etc.?

