

Drowning Incident Report Writing

Header Information

Date: February 12, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Lakeview Community Pool

Reported by: Samantha Lee, Lifeguard on Duty

Description of the Incident

At approximately 1:45 PM, a near-drowning incident occurred at the Lakeview Community Pool involving a young child, approximately 8 years old. The child was found struggling in the deep end of the pool, where he had accidentally ventured beyond his depth.

Parties Involved

- **Samantha Lee:** Lifeguard, responded to the emergency.
- **Timothy Richards:** Child, victim of the near-drowning incident.
- **Jessica Richards:** Mother of Timothy, present at the scene.
- **Other Pool Patrons:** Witnesses who alerted the lifeguard.

Actions Taken

- The incident was promptly noticed by pool patrons who alerted me, the lifeguard on duty. I immediately jumped into the pool and brought Timothy to the surface.
- CPR was administered as Timothy was unresponsive and not breathing. After several compressions and rescue breaths, Timothy expelled water and began breathing on his own.

- Emergency medical services were called and arrived at the scene within minutes. Timothy was transported to the hospital for further observation and treatment.
- The pool area was temporarily closed for a safety review and to provide a report to the authorities.
- Jessica Richards, Timothy's mother, was assisted in accompanying her son to the hospital and provided with information on the incident and subsequent actions taken.

Recommendations for Future Prevention

1. **Swim Proficiency Tests:** Implement mandatory swim proficiency testing for children before allowing access to deeper pool sections.
2. **Increased Supervision:** Ensure that multiple lifeguards are on duty during peak hours, providing comprehensive coverage of all pool areas.
3. **Safety Signage and Information:** Enhance the visibility of safety signs around the pool, clearly marking the transition to deeper water.
4. **Parental/Guardian Awareness Programs:** Conduct regular educational sessions for parents and guardians on pool safety and emergency response protocols.
5. **Regular Safety Drills:** Regularly conduct safety drills for all pool staff to ensure readiness and prompt response in case of similar incidents.

Attachments

- **Emergency Response Report:** Details the lifesaving procedures performed and the response times of emergency services.
- **Witness Statements:** Accounts from other patrons who witnessed the incident, confirming the sequence of events.
- **Hospital Admission Report:** A brief from the hospital detailing Timothy's condition upon arrival and the immediate treatments administered.

- **Safety Review Report:** Findings from the post-incident safety review conducted at the pool.