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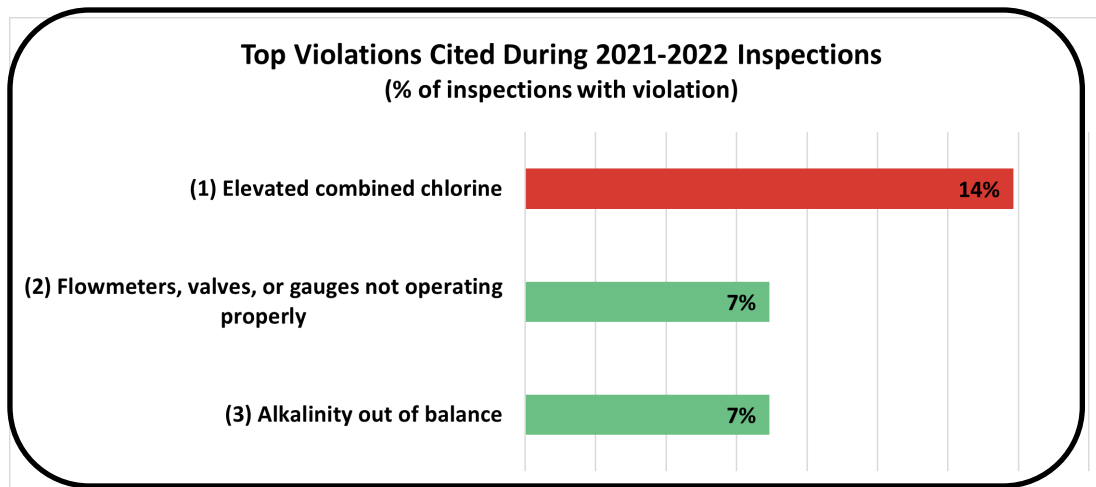
Designed to keep operators informed and engaged on current issues and trends.

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Top Violations in 2021-2022 Permit Year

Top violations cited during the 2021-2022 permit year and prevention tips to help ensure your pools and whirlpools are safe for patrons



(1) Elevated combined chlorine - ATCP 76.14(4)(e)

Prevention

- Testing at least 2 times per week for pools
- Testing at least daily for whirlpools
- Recording measurements and corrective actions on monthly logs

(2) Flowmeters, valves, or gauges not operating properly - ATCP 76.11(5)

Prevention

- Determine flow rate and mark on meter or nearby as a reference
- Routinely check floats for mineral deposit build-up
- Routinely inspect meters and gauges to verify they are working

(3) Alkalinity out of balance ATCP 76.14(4)(d)

Prevention

- Testing at least weekly for pools and whirlpools
- Recording measurements and corrective actions on monthly logs

Lifeguard Shortages



Lifeguard shortages are not a new issue for public pools. However, the impacts the pandemic had on training over the last two years and the recent low unemployment rate giving young workers alternative options has made it significantly worse this past year. Many of our facilities had to resort to regular closings or reduced hours.

Tips to help combat this nationwide trend that will likely continue into the 2023 outdoor pool season:

- Keep in mind [WI regulations](#) allow minors to work as lifeguards
 - ⇒16 & over need to complete a lifesaving course
 - ⇒15-year-olds need to complete a lifesaving course and have an adult employee on the premises. [[s.103.66\(1\)\(b\)](#)]
- Reach out to swim clubs, high schools, or local colleges
- Offer free or reduced cost training to prospective employees
- It's also a good time to review and update your Lifeguard Staffing Plan to help better understand and plan for staffing needs

Chemical Safety

Chemicals play an important role pool water quality, but also present serious dangers if not handled properly and account for more than half of injuries at public pools. Understanding chemical safety has become even more critical with the ongoing staffing issues that are having facilities hire less experienced operators or rely on non-pool staff to help out. Here are some resources to help keep your staff and patrons safe:

CDC Pool Chemical Safety

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/aquatics-professionals/pool-chemical-safety.html>

Mini-Model Aquatic Health Code

<https://www.cdc.gov/mahc/mini-mahcs.html>

Water Quality & Health Council - Pool Chemical Safety

<https://waterandhealth.org/healthy-pools/pool-chemical-safety-theres-no-substitute-vigilance/>

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