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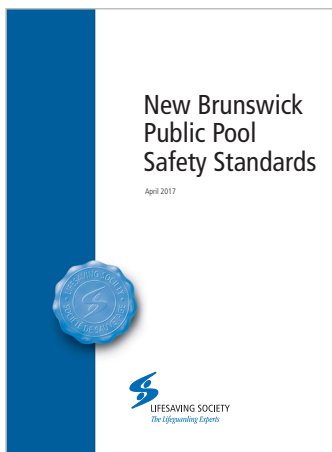
Society releases safety standards for public pools

The Lifesaving Society has defined the minimum requirements for the safe operation of public swimming pools with the publication of its *New Brunswick Public Pool Safety Standards*. Consistent with its public service mandate and drowning prevention mission, the Lifesaving Society is providing New Brunswick's public pool operators with authoritative guidance on best practices for patron safety.

New Brunswick Public Pool Safety Standards was developed in collaboration with New Brunswick public pool operators and experienced aquatic leadership personnel who researched pool safety standards across various North American jurisdictions.

"This was a demanding project," says Society President Stephen Hanlon. "The leaders of multiple aquatic facilities from across the province worked through many drafts to define the standards for our public pools. Their hard work and professional commitment to public safety is evident on every page of the *New Brunswick Public Pool Safety Standards*."

The bilingual *New Brunswick Public Pool Safety Standards* is available from the Lifesaving Society office. Use the attached order form or order online from www.lifeguarddepot.com at: <http://www.lifeguarddepot.com/en/books-dvds/regulations-guidelines-reports/new-brunswick-public-pool-safety-standards-23-1107-10-1>.



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Leadership Training: What's new for Affiliates?

The Society has revised its leadership training system zeroing in on the competencies needed to provide quality lifesaving education to Canadians in the 21st century. The result is a multi-level, competency-based system designed to encourage and support the development of progressively skilled and knowledgeable Lifesaving Society instructors – at all levels.

Key changes

- **New** (as of January 1, 2018): Assistant Instructor, Swim Instructor, Lifesaving Instructor, First Aid Instructor, National Lifeguard Instructor, Examiner, Trainer, National Trainer.
- **Retired** (as of January 1, 2019): Advanced Instructor, CPR-HCP Instructor, Airway Management Instructor, Boat Rescue Instructor, Distinction Examiner, Core Instructor clinic, Examination Standards clinic, Instructor Trainer clinic.

Leadership implementation plan

Affiliates may transition to the new leadership courses anytime between January 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019. We are updating our Trainers and completing the support materials they need. Only Trainers who have attended the Lifesaving Society Trainer Update Clinic may teach the new leadership courses. Consult the Society's Find a Member service to confirm that a Trainer has been updated.

Complete details of the new leadership system will be featured in the 2018 edition of the Lifesaving Society *Program Guide*. An interim *Guide to the Revised Leadership Program* will be available soon. For more information contact, program manager Angela Johnson at angelaj@lifesavingnb.ca

Save the dates

- August 13-14 – New Brunswick Waterfront Lifeguard Championships (Parlee Beach).
- August 25-27 – Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships (Nova Scotia).
- October 17-19 – ILS World Conference on Drowning Prevention (Vancouver). Visit www.wcdp2017.



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The Lifesaving Society is a national, volunteer organization and registered charity working to prevent drowning and water-related injury. Annually, over 1,000,000 Canadians participate in the Society's swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard and leadership training programs. The Society sets the standard for aquatic safety in Canada and certifies Canada's National Lifeguards.