



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON GARMISCH
UNIT 24515
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE GARMISCH COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: Drowning Prevention /Authorized Swimming Areas

1. Drownings are a leading cause of deaths in USAREUR. In most cases, they occur during off-duty recreational swimming (usually after dark) in unauthorized swimming areas. Drownings are frequently related to alcohol use and hypothermia.
2. In general, all commercially operated facilities (public swimming pools) are approved for personnel located within the USAG Garmisch area of responsibility. The attached enclosure contains a sample listing of swimming pools located within the geographical area of Garmisch, which can be used by U.S. military and civilian personnel. This memorandum and the enclosed listing of authorized swimming areas will be posted on bulletin boards from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends.
3. Natural water bodies, such as lakes, gravel pits, and rivers are **OFF LIMITS** to USAG Garmisch personnel, because of potential dangers, such as sharp drop-offs, swift currents, hidden obstructions on the bottom, and extremely low water temperatures. Only natural bodies, which are approved and clearly marked as an approved swimming area by the local authorities **and** where official lifeguards are present i.e. lifeguards from the German Life Rescue Association (DRK/BRK Wasserwacht), are authorized for use.
4. This memorandum is in effect until superseded.
5. POC is Mr. Tuerk, USAG Safety Manager at DSN 440-3595 or Garmisch civilian 08821-750-3595.

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LIST OF SWIMMING POOLS (In/around Garmisch Area)

Indoor Pools

GARMISCH

OUTSIDE GARMISCH

- Alpspitzbad

Grainau – Zugspitzbad
Mittenwald – Erlebnisbad
Oberammergau – Wellenberg

Outdoor Pools

GARMISCH

OUTSIDE GARMISCH

- Alpspitzbad
- Kainzenbad
- Pfliegersee
- Riessersee

Farchant - Gemeindebad
Grainau - Zugspitzbad
Kruen - Grubsee
Mittenwald - Erlebnisbad
Murnau – Strandbad Staffelsee
Oberammergau - Wellenberg
Oberau – Gemeindebad
Ohlstadt – Gemeindebad
Seehausen – Strandbad Staffelsee
Uffing – Alpenblick Staffelsee
Uffing – Gemeindebad Staffelsee