

Canopy Safety Policies and Guidelines

Canopy Safety Information

Many accidents at parks and public swimming pools involve windblown tents, canopies and umbrellas. Due to this, patron provided tents and umbrellas are **NOT allowed**.

Personal canopies – a structure that has a roof and supports, but no sides – **ARE allowed** if the following Canopy **Safety Guidelines** are agreed to and followed.

Canopy Safety Guidelines

1. All patrons who wish to erect canopies during **Open Swim hours** are required to have their canopies **sufficiently and safely anchored to the ground** from the time their canopy is put up to the time it is taken down.
2. ALL canopy **weights and tie-downs MUST be safely secured**
 - a. **Safely** meaning
 - i. the method used to secure the canopy does not create its own safety hazards:
 1. Weights should not cause a tripping hazard
 2. Weights should be tethered with lines that are clearly visible
 3. Weights should have soft edges to avoid causing cuts and scrapes
 4. Weights should be securely attached
 5. Weights should be on the ground (NOT above people’s heads)
 - ii. sufficiently weighted canopies will have at least 24 pounds per leg
 - b. Any **stakes used CANNOT exceed 10” in length and 1/2” in width**
 - i. sprinkler lines can be broken and/or deep holes left in grass can cause injury
3. All canopies **MUST be taken down in inclement weather**
 - a. Properly secured canopies can become a safety hazard in inclement weather.
 - b. If lifeguards and/or Veterans Memorial Pool staff direct canopies to be taken down, action must be taken immediately
4. ALL canopies **MUST be erected along the black fencing around the perimeter of the pool.**
 - a. If canopies are prohibiting lifeguards and Veterans Memorial Pool staff’s ability to view the pool and/or deck and grass areas, patrons will be asked to take the canopy down.
5. ALL canopies **MUST be OPEN without walls**, providing a clear view from all 4 sides
 - a. NO tents
 - b. NO umbrellas

There can be serious safety and risk management implications for failing to follow the **Canopy Safety Guidelines**.

By acknowledging and signing this waiver, you, as the patron are:

1. agreeable to adhering to the guidelines and policies explained above
2. liable for any damage, of person and/or property, that might incur due to the placement and erection of your personal canopy

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Signature

Printed Name

Date