

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

The 2002 Minnesota Legislature passed a bill that allows portable wading pools to be used by family and group family child care providers when certain requirements are met. These requirements are specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.14, subdivision 10.

A portable wading pool is defined as a pool with a maximum depth of 24 inches that is capable of being manually emptied and moved.

These portable wading pools may only be used after:

1. The parent or legal guardian of the child has provided written consent to the license holder that specifies that the provider agrees to comply with all the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.14, subdivision 10; and
2. The written consent includes a statement that the parent or legal guardian has received and read the document written by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health titled: "Fact Sheet: Risks of Wading Pools at Family Child Care Homes."

Please read the Fact Sheet, and decide whether or not to permit your child(ren) to use a wading pool while under the care of your family child care provider.

If you have questions about the changes regarding wading pools, please contact your local public health department or the Minnesota Department of Health. If you have questions about child care licensing you should contact your local county Social Services Agency, or you may call the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

After completion, please give this form to your child care provider. Your child care provider will be monitored for compliance with these requirements, and this form will document your decision.

By signing this form, I am acknowledging that I have read the document written by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health titled: "Fact Sheet: Risks of Wading Pools at Child Care Homes." I have been given the opportunity to talk with my child care provider about the use of a wading pool, and I understand the risks associated with the use of a wading pool by my child(ren) while they receive child care services.

- I **do** consent to my child care provider's use of a wading pool with my child(ren).
 I **do not** consent to my child care provider's use of a wading pool with my child(ren).

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date

Name(s) of child(ren)

Signature of Child Care Provider Date