



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON KAISERSLAUTERN
UNIT 23152
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison Kaiserslautern (USAGK) Policy Letter #35 -
Drowning Prevention; Authorized and Off Limits Swimming Areas

1. References:

a. AE Regulation 190-24, Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board, Europe, and Off-Limits Procedures for Firms, Establishments, Organizations, and Areas in the United States European Command

b. Army in Europe Circular 190-24, 16 February 2011

2. A drowning is a tragedy affecting family, friends, and co-workers. To help prevent such needless loss of life, commanders and supervisors at all levels must ensure proper emphasis is placed on water safety. Personnel will be briefed on the dangers of swimming in unauthorized or unsupervised areas; applicable restrictions; and the dangers of swimming in cold water after drinking alcohol, during hours of darkness, or when they are tired or fatigued. Child Youth and School Services will coordinate safety risk assessments for all swimming events and caregivers will not leave a child unattended near water at any time.

3. All commercial, hotel, and community owned supervised public beaches and swimming pools are inspected by the Gesundheitsamt and the Gewerbeaufsichtsamt (German Safety and Health Agencies) and are approved for recreational activities (see enclosure) unless specified as "Off Limits" by the German agencies or by the Garrison Commander for health, safety or other cause. However, Soldiers, US employees, and Family members must provide direct supervision at all times when using these swimming areas. Germans employ lifesavers, not the traditional life guards that are assigned at US pools and beaches. Areas such as ponds, water-filled rock quarries, gravel pits, and fast moving rivers are considered to be UNAUTHORIZED AND OFF LIMITS unless designated as a swimming area and lifesavers are present.

4. During recreational swimming, designate a Battle Buddy. Know your limits and take swim lessons if necessary. Swim only in inspected and approved areas and never during hours of darkness or after drinking alcohol. While boating or fishing, wear a life jacket and always go

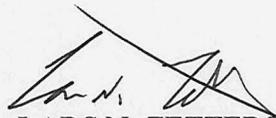
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with a friend. Supervise children at all times around water and drain wading or kids pools after use.

5. For additional information on drowning prevention, contact the USAGK Safety Office at DSN 493-4040.

Encl
Approved Swimming Areas



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APPROVED SWIMMING FACILITIES IN THE KAISERSLAUTERN AREA

A/O 20 June 2011

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
Alsenborn	Freibad	Miesau	Waldwarmfreibad
Altenglan	Freizeitbad	Mussbach	Schwimmbad
Bad Duerkheim	Erlebnissbad	Otterberg	Schwimmbad
Contwig	Outdoor pool	Pirmasens	Indoor/outdoor pool
Dahn	Indoor/outdoor pool	Pirmasens Nord	Outdoor pool
Eisenberg	Outdoor pool	Ramstein	Freizeitbad Azur
Gruenstadt	Allwetterbad	Rodalben	Indoor pool
Hassloch	Badepark In/Outdoor	Rodenbach	Waldschwimmbad
Heltersberg	Outdoor pool	Trippstadt	Warmfreibad
Hochspeyer	Warmfreibad	Waldfischbach	Outdoor pool
Hohenecken	Strandbad Gelterswoog (lake)	Waldmohr	Schwimmbad
Kaiserslautern	Waschmuehle	Winnweiler	Schwimmbad
Kaiserslautern	Monte – Mare Indoor	Zweibruecken	Indoor/outdoor pool
Kusel	Freizeitpark		
Landstuhl	Allwetterbad		
Mehlingen	Freibad		