

PREMISES LIABILITY

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that each year nearly 300 children, younger than the age of five, drown in swimming pools and spas. Additionally, more than 3,000 children that age go to a hospital emergency room due to submersion injuries in pools and spas.

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Did you know there are 11 pools in the Orlando area that are open to the public? Local swimming pools attract residents of all ages and are especially popular among children and families. Patrons of public pools can also be comforted by the fact that they are under the supervision and protection of a lifeguard.

However, when lifeguards abandon their posts and leave individuals at risk for injury, tragedy can strike. For two DWKM&R clients, this is exactly what occurred. In June of 2007, our client, a single, working mother, entrusted the **safety** of her minor son to the City of Orlando while he visited a local Community Center & Pool. During his swim, another child jumped on top of his head and severely fractured his skull. He spent three days in the hospital and endured an operation to rebuild the damaged area. It was clear that lifeguards failed to properly supervise the children at the pool, thus causing our client to suffer a traumatic injury.

After the City refused to acknowledge their responsibility, Bill Ruffier and Doug Martin successfully recovered a verdict for \$93,612 on behalf of the child.

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