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UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON KAISERSLAUTERN  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Drowning Prevention

1. 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 should be briefed on the dangers of swimming in unauthorized or unsupervised areas; applicable restrictions; and the dangers of swimming in cold water, after drinking, during hours of darkness, or when they are tired or fatigued.
2. All commercial and community owned public beaches and swimming pools are inspected by the Gesundheitsamt and the Gewerbeaufsichtsamt (German Safety and Health Agencies), and are approved for recreational activities, unless specifically placed "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 area as the Germans employ live savers, not the traditional life guards that are provided at US pools and beaches. Areas such as gravel pits, ponds and rivers are considered to be UNAUTHORIZED AND OFF LIMITS.
3. During recreational swimming ensure a buddy is designated, know your limits and take swim lessons if necessary. Swim in inspected areas and never during hours of darkness or after drinking. While boating or fishing wear a life jacket and go with a buddy. Supervise children at all times around water. A list of German Regional Health Office approved/authorized swimming areas is enclosed for your use. For additional information on drowning prevention please contact the USAGK Safety Office at 493-4027.

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## GERMAN REGIONAL HEALTH OFFICE APPROVED SWIMMING FACILITIES IN THE KAISERSLAUTERN AREA

A/O 23 April 2009

<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	*Ramstein AB	Indoor pool
Hassloch	Badepark In/Outdoor	Rodalben	Indoor pool
Heltersberg	Outdoor pool	Rodenbach	Waldschwimmbad
Hochspeyer	Warmfreibad	Trippstadt	Warmfreibad
Hohenecken	Strandbad Gelterswoog (lake)	Waldfischbach	Outdoor pool
Kaiserslautern	Waschmuehle	Waldmohr	Schwimmbad
Kaiserslautern	Monte – Mare Indoor	Winnweiler	Schwimmbad
Kusel	Freizeitpark	Zweibruecken	Indoor/outdoor pool
Landstuhl	Allwetterbad		
Mehlingen	Freibad		

\*Inspected by the Air Force.