Helmsley Open Air Swimming Pool

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Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)

Helmsley Pool has at the centre of its ethos the health and safety of is customers, staff, volunteers, workpeople and visitors.

It uses chemicals to treat the Pool water and has a COSHH Report Page on each substance used at the Pool which form part of this document. In general it adopts the following principles and method of storing and using chemicals.

**Chemical Storage**

* Helmsley Pool minimises the different types of chemicals stored.
* It does not buy more than it will consume in one season.
Some of the more hazardous pool chemicals do not keep.
* Wet hands and dirty scoops are kept away from chemicals.
Contamination is often a cause of problems.
* Pool chemicals are never stored in hazardous areas where other materials may contaminate them.
* Chemicals with known reactions with other chemicals are stored separately
* Helmsley Pool never mixes chemicals.
When adding chemicals to the pool one is allowed to disperse before adding another.
* Protective clothing including gloves and glasses are worn where appropriate.
* Chemicals are stored under lock and key and away from sight.
* Original labels on containers are maintained until the product is exhausted.
* **ALL** forms of acids react **DANGEROUSLY** with all forms of chlorine or bromine.
* The Pool is aware that allowing even small amounts of different chlorine sanitizers to encounter each other can be REALLY dangerous. Trichlor and calcium hypochlorite can react dangerously on contact with each other