

Study: Public pools routinely fail safety inspections

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Summer's right around the corner, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are here to remind you that there's nothing like a dip in a public pool – a place where you might encounter tiny bits of fecal matter, parasites like *Cryptosporidium* and volatile chemicals that can irritate your eyes or respiratory tract.

A report published Thursday warns that nearly 8 in 10 routine inspections of public pools turned up at least one violation of safety rules. In addition, about 1 in 8 of these inspections found problems so serious that the pool had to be closed immediately.

These disheartening statistics are based on 84,187 routine inspections of 48,632 public pools and other “aquatic venues” in Arizona, California, Florida, New York and Texas.

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