



Department of Early Education and Care

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Small Group, Large Group and School Age Child Care Licensing

Policy Statement: Pool Roof Inspections

Child Care Licensing Standards 606 CMR 7.07(5) requires that the licensee must submit copies of current pool and pool roof inspections as required by applicable law.

Background

The intent of this regulation is to determine the safety and integrity of the ceiling and roof structure above an indoor pool space that is used by children in an EEC licensed program. Programs are required to submit evidence that the indoor pool roof has been inspected and deemed safe.

Program Responsibilities:

- Programs must submit to EEC, upon each license application or renewal, a copy of a pool roof inspection which has been completed by either a building inspector or a certified structural engineer who is certified by the Structural Engineering Certification Board (SECB).
- Programs who obtain a building or a structural engineer inspection that does not include an expiration date must also submit written evidence from their licensed property insurer certifying that the inspection that was completed by these individuals is acceptable for the purposes of insurance coverage.
- Inspections completed by the a building inspector or certified structural engineer are current as long as the program submits evidence of their current property insurance coverage.
- Programs must, on a monthly basis, visually inspect the indoor pool roof structure for any evidence of wear and tear or damage to any surface on the indoor pool roof structure. This could include evidence of water damage, rot, missing/damaged ceiling tiles or any other potential structural issues.

- Programs are responsible for immediately repairing any identified damage. This work must be performed and completed by a Construction Contractor who is licensed in Massachusetts. For more information regarding this please refer to Public Safety's website at this link; <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dps/>