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REGULATORY GUIDELINES**

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**SUBJECT: Signs Required at Public Interactive Water Features and
Fountains (PIWFs)**

Applicable Texas Administrative Code: 25 TAC §265.303(d) Signs for
PIWFs:

- 1) PIWF warning and notification signs are required to be posted at the entrance of all PIWFs or where the signs are clearly visible to users entering the PIWF before contact with the water occurs.
- 2) The signs can be combined into a single sign.
- 3) Signs shall be securely mounted, clearly visible, and easily read with letters in a contrasting color to the background.
- 4) The warnings shall be in letters at least 2 inches in height.
- 5) The required signage:
 - a. Non-Service Animals Prohibited
 - b. Changing Diapers Within 6 Feet of the Water Feature is Prohibited
 - c. Use of the Water Feature If Ill with a Contagious Disease is Prohibited
 - d. Do Not Drink Water From the Water Feature
 - e. Use of the Water Feature When Ill With Diarrhea is Prohibited.

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Additional signs with other rules not specifically found in the rules for Public Interactive Water Features and Fountains, 25 TAC §265.301 - 308, may be posted.

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