

Views From the E-List* – Renting Pool Space

Query:

My problem has been finding a pool where I can rent space. Our two local Y's are full and will only rent me space at \$65 per hour for one lane. The other problem with the Y is the pool is *very* loud, **busy** and not any warmer than 82*. There is not one hotel in this entire 60 mile radius that will even speak with me about renting space. They have never heard of this and all responded with "our hotel administrators and owners do not allow rentals".

Responses:

Before we had a pool of our own at our facility we actually rented a room at a local hotel with their knowledge that we would be using the room for a changing area for our patients and the pool for therapy. In that way we were both covered and we still had further insurance to cover us also.

I was faced with a new construction project and did not have a pool for my residents at a Lifecare for 1.5 years. I searched the area around our community and found an older country club that was struggling and rented their pool 5 days per week for 1 hour and they only charged us \$450 per month. They needed the money and I needed the pool, perfect fit.

I rented pools in hotels for years in Virginia Beach, VA. There are no lifeguards in our hotel pools. I had a client have a heart attack in one of my classes and we were no longer allowed to stay there. The hotels have insurance for their paid guests only and does not cover others who come and use their pool, so no longer am I able to get space at hotel pools even though I always keep my own insurance. We do have one hotel in our area that is a bit like a timeshare so the rooms are owned by individuals and rented by the hotel. Their liability is different so they can allow people other than their guests to use their pool. Check to see if you have a timeshare type of hotel in your area.

I work at a YMCA and we rent to a therapy center and I so understand the problem with the noise and the temperature.

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