

Q: What training do the lifeguards employed by the City of Grand Island receive?

All are trained and certified in the national standards of the American Red Cross Lifeguarding program. This means lifeguards receive training in areas such as water rescue, CPR, and first-aid.

Q: How many lifeguards are on duty at a time at Island Oasis Waterpark? Lincoln Pool?

There are 20 lifeguards on staff each day at Island Oasis and five at Lincoln Pool.

Q: Are there different ways that City of Grand Island lifeguards are trained to help a person in distress?

If a spinal injury is suspected, lifeguards are supposed to immobilize the person using a backboard equipped with straps and a head immobilizer device. This is to be done quickly, but carefully.

If a lifeguard witnesses the incident and knows it is not a spinal related injury then the lifeguard will perform first-aid and CPR immediately.

Q: What are the CPR steps that are to be followed?

The American Red Cross Lifeguarding manual states that once CPR has been started that it should not be stopped except for the following reasons:

- an obvious sign of life is noticed
- an AED is available
- another higher trained responder on scene takes over; at that time the lifeguard would be in an assisting role
- EMS personnel take over
- lifeguard is too exhausted to continue; at that time another lifeguard would take over
- the scene becomes unsafe

Q: Do children need to be accompanied by someone in order to use Island Oasis Waterpark and Lincoln Pool?

Children nine years of age and under must be accompanied by a paid chaperon, 14 years or older, at all times in all places of the swimming facilities.

Q: Are lifejackets allowed at Island Oasis and Lincoln Pool?

Yes. Lifejackets are always recommended for anyone in or near water.

Lifejackets should be coast guard approved. To determine if a lifejacket is coastguard approved it will be stated on the inside of the lifejacket in big bold letters.

If a person does not have a lifejacket, they can be rented for a small fee.

Q: If the lifejacket that is brought to the facility is not coast guard approved what happens?

There are two options if the desired lifejacket to be used is not coast guard approved. One option is the parent or legal guardian can sign a waiver that states the parent knows the equipment is not coast guard approved but would still like the child to wear it under adult supervision

The second option is the parent or legal guardian can trade in their lifejacket at the souvenir stand for a coast guard approved jacket at no cost. Upon leaving the child returns the borrowed coast guard approved jacket and will get their original jacket returned.

Q: Can inner tubes be used in the wave pool part of Island Oasis?

Yes, only inner tubes rented from Island Oasis are allowed in the wave pool. Outside inner tubes are not allowed.

Q: Can patrons bring in blow-up arm floaties, outside blow-up floatation devices, or small floatation devices so children can sit up to Island Oasis or Lincoln Pool?

For safety reasons, blow-up arm floaties , outside blow-up floatation devices, or small floatation devices which allow a child to sit up are not allowed at Island Oasis or Lincoln Pool.

If a patron does bring in one of the abovementioned items they can trade it in for a coast guard approved lifejacket at the souvenir stand and will get their floatation device back when the lifejacket is returned.

Q: How often does the wave pool produce waves?

The wave pool is set up to produce waves for 10 minutes and then the machine automatically stops for 10 minutes. This cycle continues throughout the duration of the day and evening. A horn will sound just prior to the wave cycle starting to alert swimmers.

Q: Can all ages go in the wave pool?

Yes, all ages may go in the wave pool; however children under that age of nine must be accompanied by someone 14 years or older.

Q: What are the safety guidelines for the speed slides at Island Oasis?

- Rider must be at least four feet tall and cannot weigh more than 300 pounds.
- Riders must wear eyeglasses that are securely affixed with head straps.
- Swimwear with exposed zippers, buckles, rivets, or metal ornamentation are not permitted.
- Only one rider to enter the slide at a time—no double riders.
- Slide must be ridden feet first lying on back with legs crossed at the ankles and arms folded across chest.
- Riders should not uncross legs or attempt to sit up until coming to a stop in the shutdown lane.
- Riders shall not run, dive, stand, kneel, rotate or stop in the slide.
- At the end of the slide, obey all instructions given by the lane attendant and exit quickly.
- For safety reasons, pregnant women and persons with heart conditions or back trouble should not ride the speed slide.

Q: What are the safety guidelines for the general slides at Island Oasis and Lincoln Pool?

- Riders must wear eyeglasses that are securely affixed to riders with head straps.
- Swimwear with exposed zippers, buckles, rivets, or metal ornamentation are not permitted.
- Only one rider to enter the slide at a time—no double riders.
- Slide must be ridden feet first, lying on back or sitting position.
- Riders must wait for the start signal from the attendant on duty before starting the ride.
- Arms and hands must be kept inside the slide at all times.
- Riders shall not run, dive, stand, kneel, rotate or stop in the slide.
- At the end of the slide, obey all instructions given by splash pool attendant and exit quickly.
- For safety reasons, pregnant women and persons with heart conditions or back trouble should not ride the slides.

Q: Is Island Oasis and Lincoln Pool inspected to ensure the facilities are adequately and safely running and can be open for use?

Yes, Island Oasis and Lincoln Pool are inspected each day by staff prior to opening. The Central District Health Department inspects the swimming pools randomly throughout the summer to ensure compliance with State requirements.

Q: What is the maximum capacity of Island Oasis? Lincoln Pool?

The maximum capacity of Island Oasis is 2,200 people and Lincoln Pool is 200.

Q: Where can I go to get more information about Grand Island's water facilities or the Parks and Recreation Department?

Citizens can go to www.grand-island.com/parksandrec or www.grand-island.com/aquatics, follow the department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GrandIslandParksandRecreation or www.facebook.com/IslandOasis. The Parks and Recreation number is 308-385-5444 ext. 290, Island Oasis is 308-385-5381, and Lincoln Pool is 308-385-5458.