



REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Baden Wuerttemberg, Command Policy Memorandum #27, Safety, Water Recreational Areas for the Heidelberg and Mannheim Area

1. References:

- a. DA Pamphlet 385-10, Army Safety Program, Rapid Action Review (RAR) 19 Jan 10.
- b. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, RAR 14 Jun 10.
- c. AE Circular 190-24, Consolidated List of Off – Limits Areas, Establishments, Firms, Individuals, and Organizations, 16 Feb 11.

2. Purpose: Provide a listing of off-limits water recreational areas within the vicinity of Heidelberg and Mannheim (enclosure).

3. Applicability: All military members, DOD civilians, and their family members assigned, attached, employed by or living in USAG Baden Württemberg (Heidelberg and Mannheim Communities).

4. Drowning accidents can occur anywhere (beaches, lakes, pools, etc.). Even the most ardent swimmer can encounter difficulties in the water; especially, when they swim in unsafe or unhealthy waters. Unless otherwise noted, all public pools, indoor and outdoor, are authorized swimming areas. Community members and their families are advised that although the pools have a Bademeister (pool supervisor) or trained rescuers from Deutsche-Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft (DLRG) on site, they do not provide continuous surveillance. Do not assume that shallow water is safe; children drown in as little as 4 -6 inches of water. Therefore, it is imperative that parents and guardians monitor their children at all times. Weak swimmers should never be left ALONE. Enclosure 1 is a list of lakes and rivers that have been placed off-limits for health, safety, or other causes.

5. Responsibilities:

- a. Commanders, Directors, and Special Staff Managers will:

(1) Direct personnel to swim only in authorized water recreational areas.

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(2) Ensure the list of off-limits water recreational areas is posted on unit safety bulletin boards.

(3) Ensure the listing is provided to our new Soldiers and DOD civilians as part of unit in-processing.

(4) Ensure Soldiers understand the differences between German lifesavers and the traditional lifeguards who provide supervision at U.S. pools and beaches.

(5) Ensure first line supervisors discuss water safety in one-on-one briefing sessions.

b. Soldiers and DOD Civilians will:

(1) Educate all family members on off-limits water recreational areas.

(2) Swim in only approved swimming areas and never swim alone.

(3) Educate family members on avoiding the terrible too's when it comes to water safety: too tired, too cold, too far away from safety, too much sun, and too much strenuous activity.

(4) Refrain from participating in water-related activities after consumption of alcohol. Alcohol and water do not mix. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination, affects swimming and diving skills, and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.

(5) Maintain constant supervision of children whenever around water. Never leave a young child unattended near water and don't trust a child's life to another child. Identify weak swimmers in your group and pay particular attention to their safety.

(6) When using public swimming facilities ensure proper and safe behavior of themselves, their family members, and guests.

6. The proponent of this policy is the USAG Baden Wuerttemberg Safety Office, email: usagbw.safety@eur.army.mil, DSN 373-5277/9082, or commercial 06221-17-5277/9082.

Encl
Off-limits Water Recreational Areas


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Off-Limits Water Recreational Areas

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Sondernheim	Surfsee
Jockgrim	Johanneswiese
Mechtersheim	Kleiner Weiher
Neuburg	Familien-Erholungsstrand, Neuburg
Altrip	Lakes Blaue Adria Area
	Lake Silbersee (near Altrip)
	Lake Kief'scher Weiher (near Altrip)
Böhl-Iggelheim	Lake Niederwiesen-Weiher (between Böhl and Iggelheim)
Frankenthal	Lake Kräppelweiher (near B-9)
Bobenheim-Roxheim	Lake Silbersee and Gravel Pits
Ludwigshafen	Lake Große Blies, Bruchwiesenstraße
Ludwigshafen-Friesenheim	Lake Willersinnweiher
	Lake Großparth, Langgartenstraße
	Lake Begüten, Langgartenstraße
Ludwigshafen-Oggersheim	Lake, Strandbad Melm
Mannheim-Neckarau	Strandbad, (Rhein River) Strandbadweg
	Lake, Stollenwöhr, Rheingoldstraße.
Mannheim-Pfingstberg	Lake, Pfingstberg, Wachenburgstraße
Mannheim-Rheinau	Lake, Stengelhof, Stengelhofstraße
	Lake, Rheinauer See
Mannheim-Vogelstang	Lake, Vogelstang South
	Gravel Pit, Vogelstang South
Mannheim-Käfertal	Lake, Karlstern
Neuhofen	Lake, In der Schlicht
Speyer (North)	Lakes, Binsfeld (6)
	Lake, Bonnet-Weiher
Wachenheim	Gravel Pit, Camping Area
Waldsee-Otterstadt	Lake and Rhein River Arms (Grüner Süden)

NOTE: Rivers will generally not be used as swimming areas unless as part of a supervised sporting activity (with a proper risk assessment) or similar event where qualified lifeguards are on duty and sufficient lifesaving equipment, communications equipment, first aid facilities, and protective devices are available (Reference: AE Circular 190-24, Consolidated List of Off – Limits Areas, Establishments, Firms, Individuals, and Organizations, 16 Feb 11).