

I LOVE TO SWIM IN THE POOL. BUT SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT SWIMMING CAN MAKE ME SICK. HOW CAN SWIMMING MAKE ME SICK?

IF SOMEONE HAS AN "ACCIDENT" IN THE POOL AND YOU SWALLOW SOME WATER, YOU CAN GET AN RWI.

YES, BUT IT TAKES A VERY LONG TIME.

WHAT SHOULD I DO TO HELP KEEP THE POOL WATER CLEAN?

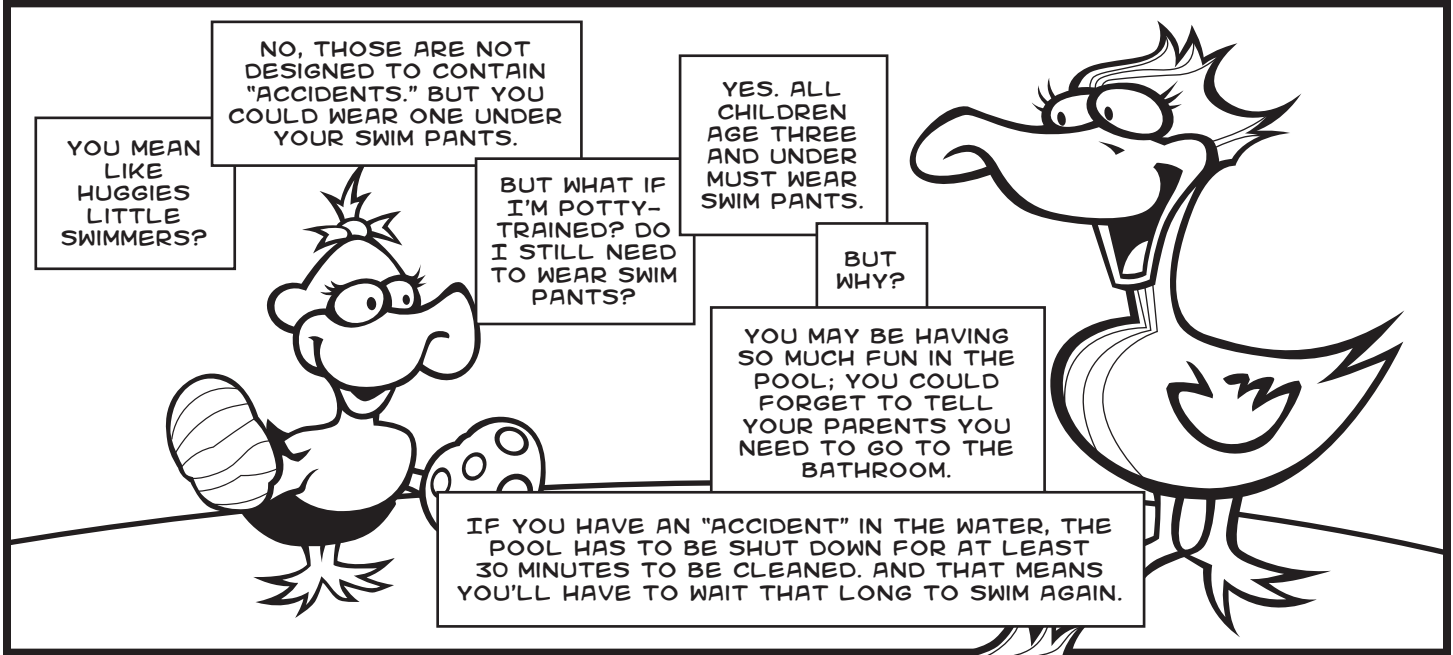
WHAT'S AN RWI?

RWI STANDS FOR RECREATIONAL WATER ILLNESS, AND THE GERMS FROM AN "ACCIDENT" CAN CAUSE ONE.

YOU NEED TO WEAR SWIM PANTS.

THEY ARE SPECIAL REUSABLE, RUBBER OR PLASTIC PANTS THAT FIT TIGHTLY AROUND YOUR WAIST AND LEGS. SIMILAR TO THE PLASTIC PANTS THAT FIT OVER CLOTH DIAPERS.

BUT DOESN'T CHLORINE KILL THE GERMS?



YOU MEAN LIKE HUGGIES LITTLE SWIMMERS?

NO, THOSE ARE NOT DESIGNED TO CONTAIN "ACCIDENTS." BUT YOU COULD WEAR ONE UNDER YOUR SWIM PANTS.

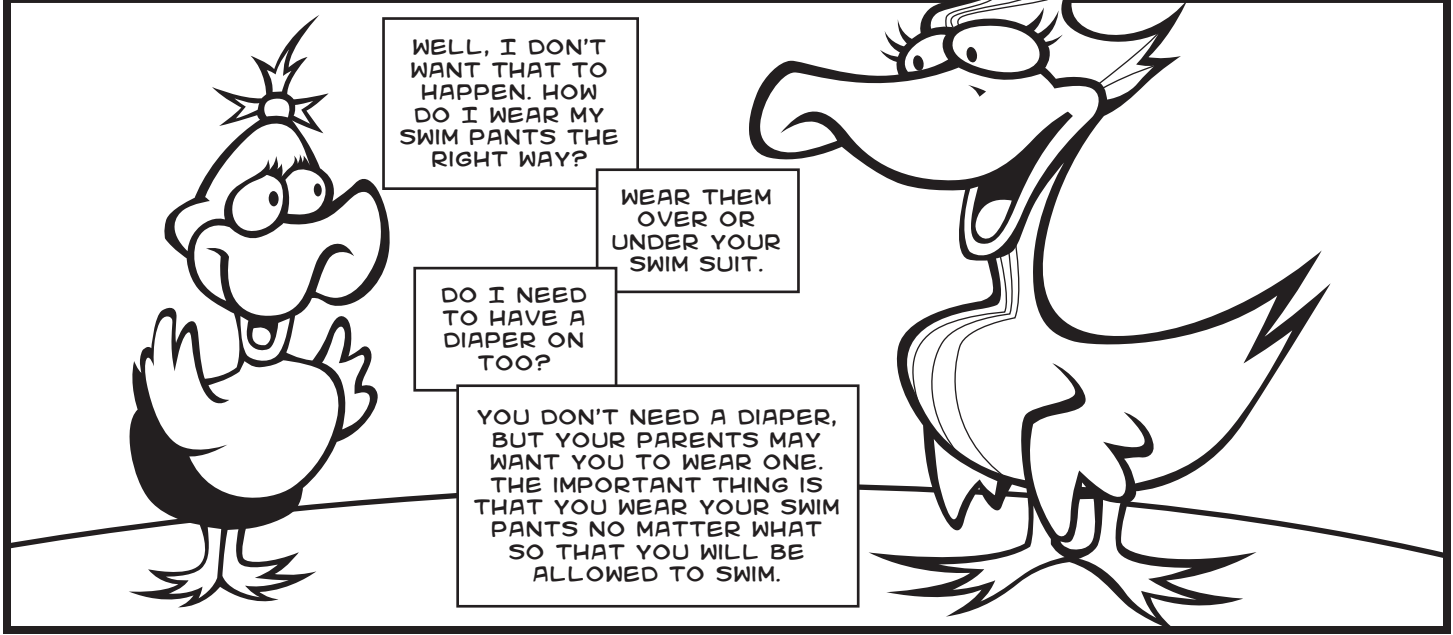
YES. ALL CHILDREN AGE THREE AND UNDER MUST WEAR SWIM PANTS.

BUT WHAT IF I'M POTTY-TRAINED? DO I STILL NEED TO WEAR SWIM PANTS?

BUT WHY?

YOU MAY BE HAVING SO MUCH FUN IN THE POOL; YOU COULD FORGET TO TELL YOUR PARENTS YOU NEED TO GO TO THE BATHROOM.

IF YOU HAVE AN "ACCIDENT" IN THE WATER, THE POOL HAS TO BE SHUT DOWN FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES TO BE CLEANED. AND THAT MEANS YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT THAT LONG TO SWIM AGAIN.

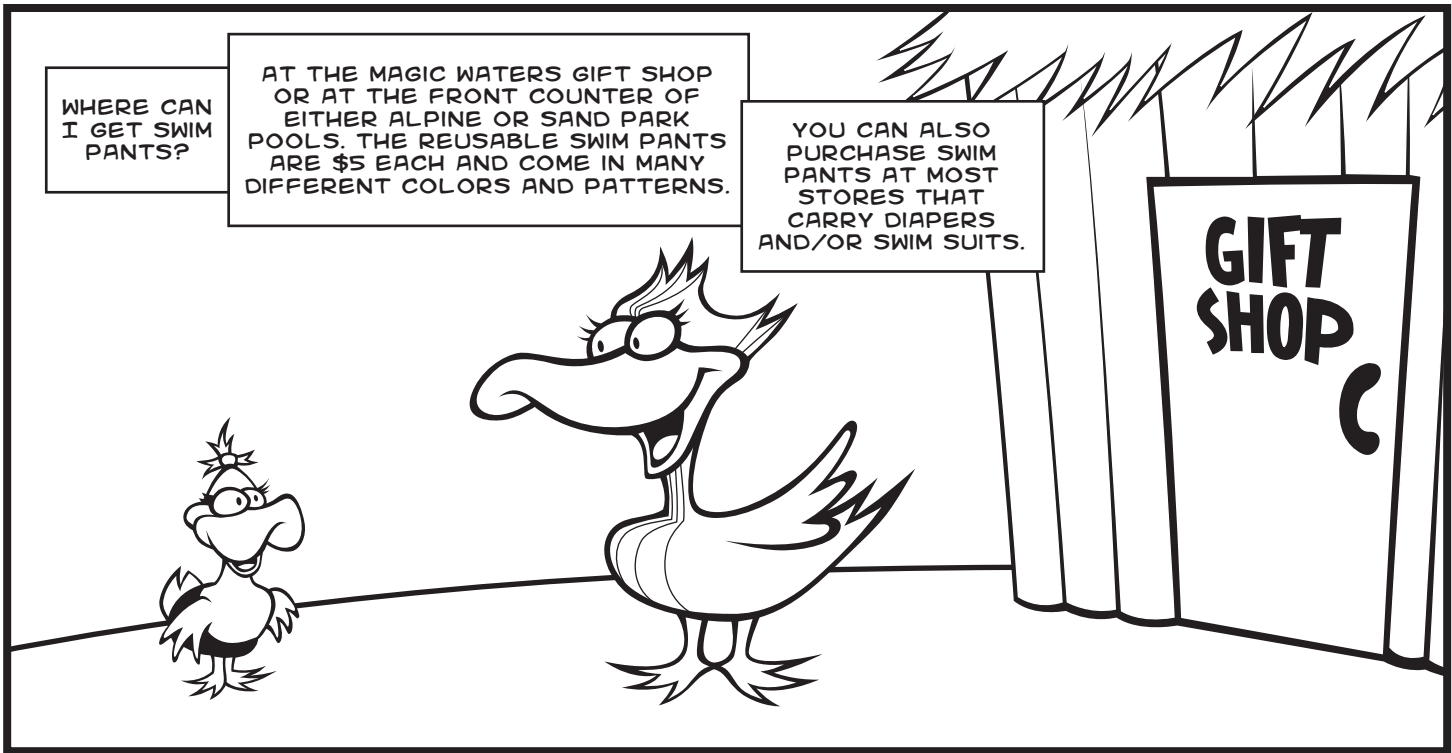


WELL, I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN. HOW DO I WEAR MY SWIM PANTS THE RIGHT WAY?

WEAR THEM OVER OR UNDER YOUR SWIM SUIT.

DO I NEED TO HAVE A DIAPER ON TOO?

YOU DON'T NEED A DIAPER, BUT YOUR PARENTS MAY WANT YOU TO WEAR ONE. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU WEAR YOUR SWIM PANTS NO MATTER WHAT SO THAT YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO SWIM.



WHERE CAN I GET SWIM PANTS?

AT THE MAGIC WATERS GIFT SHOP OR AT THE FRONT COUNTER OF EITHER ALPINE OR SAND PARK POOLS. THE REUSABLE SWIM PANTS ARE \$5 EACH AND COME IN MANY DIFFERENT COLORS AND PATTERNS.

YOU CAN ALSO PURCHASE SWIM PANTS AT MOST STORES THAT CARRY DIAPERS AND/OR SWIM SUITS.

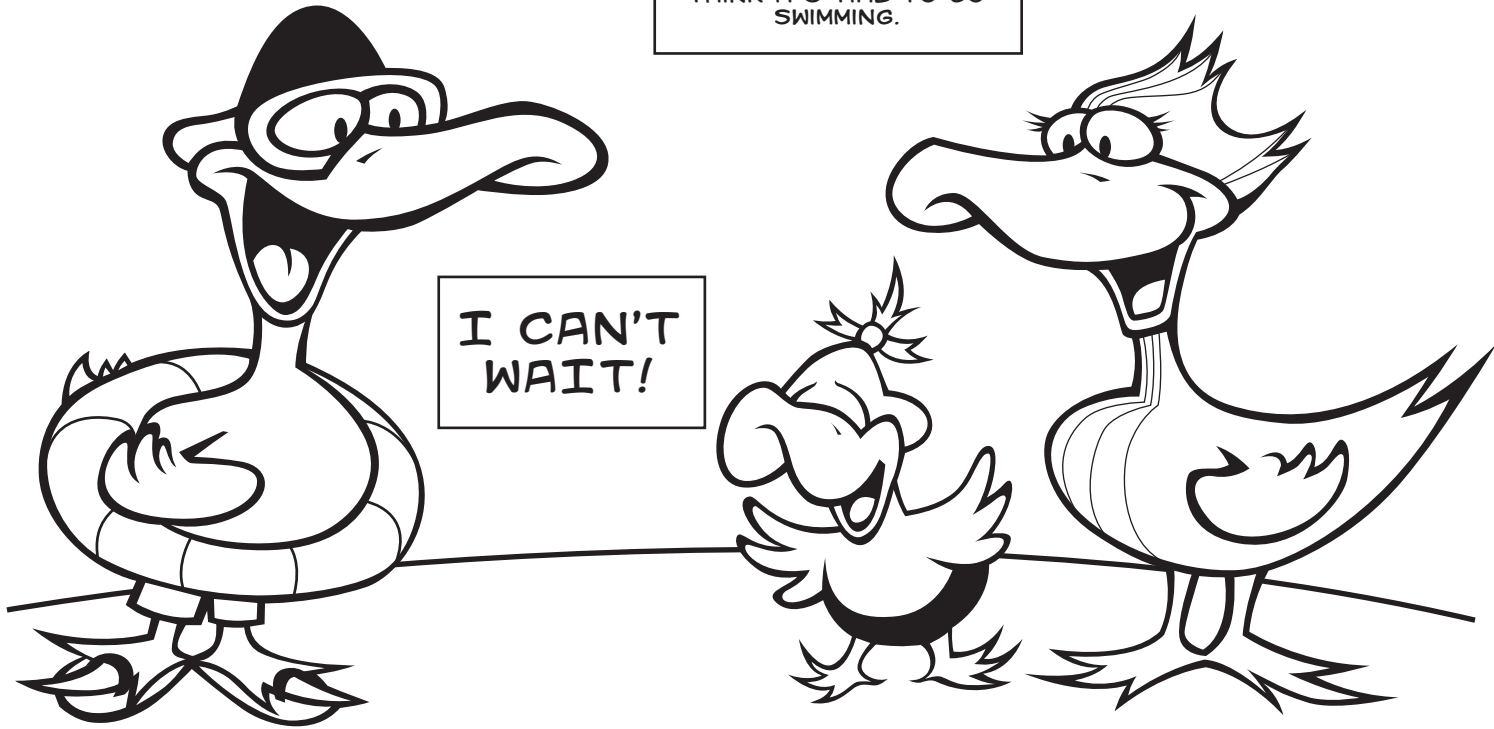
GIFT SHOP

HEY MOLLY, HOW DOES THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FEEL ABOUT ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT'S REQUIREMENT TO WEAR SWIM PANTS?

WELL MAX, THE IDPH FULLY SUPPORTS THAT THE RPD FOLLOWS ALL OF THE IDPH REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO REQUIRING ALL CHILDREN AGE THREE AND UNDER TO WEAR SWIM PANTS.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA. WHAT DO YOU THINK MIA?

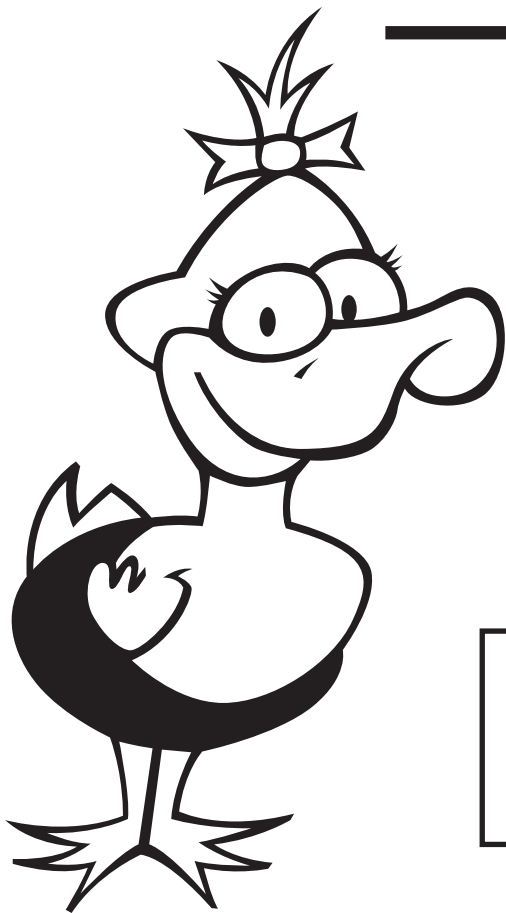
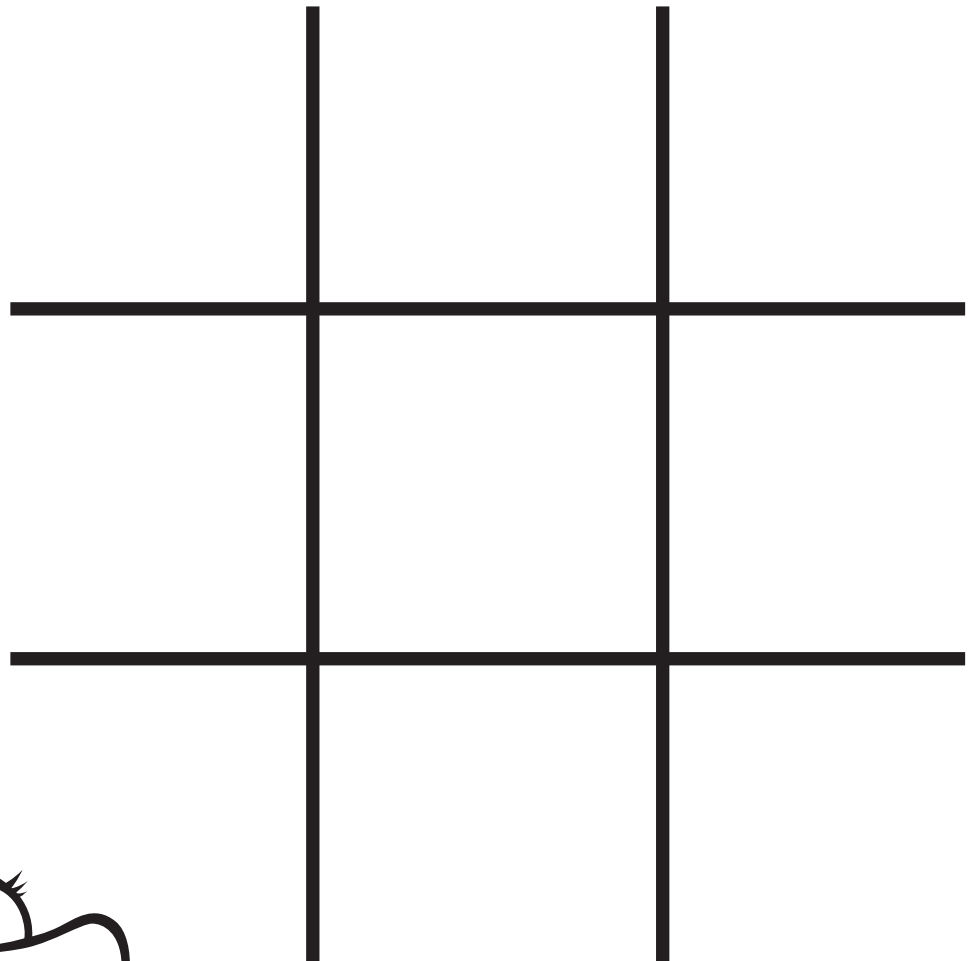
WOW, IT SOUNDS LIKE THE RPD WANTS TO PROVIDE THE SAFEST SWIMMING FACILITIES FOR ALL VISITORS. I THINK IT'S TIME TO GO SWIMMING.



I CAN'T WAIT!

PLAY

TIC-TAC-TOE MIA STYLE



INSTEAD OF USING X'S AND O'S,
DRAW A PAIR OF SWIM PANTS
AND A DUCK.

COLOR

A PATTERN ON MIA'S SWIM PANTS

