

Vacation Rental Drowning Shows Need for Pool Safety Standards | Proper Insurance Provides Commercial General Liability

Vacation Rental Drowning Tragedy Highlights Need for Pool Safety | Proper Insurance Adds Commercial General Liability to Protect Against Incidents Like These

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Amid recent events, it is crucial for short-term rental hosts to prioritize pool safety standards. As vacation rentals continue to gain popularity, comprehensive safety measures and transparent disclosure practices are vital to ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. In light of these considerations, Proper Insurance has introduced [commercial general liability](#) coverage, providing hosts with essential protection against pool-related incidents, even when safety standards are diligently followed. This dual approach, combining adherence to safety standards and obtaining commercial general liability coverage, effectively safeguards hosts and optimizes insurance coverage in the evolving landscape of the vacation rental industry.



What you need to do to ensure your pool is safe for guests

Negligence, the failure to exercise due care, can have severe consequences for property owners and guests alike. When renting out homes, owners must evaluate potential risks and take proactive measures to prevent accidents. Negligence exposes owners to legal claims, making it imperative to focus on safety and mitigate liability risks.

Pools pose unique risks in short-term rentals due to the diverse profiles of guests and their varying swimming abilities. Proper evaluation and removal of hazards such as diving boards, slides, and uncertified flotation devices significantly reduce the chance of accidents. However, many property listings overlook these safety considerations, unaware of the potential risks they pose.

The recent tragic death involving 16-year-old Cameron Brown underscores the critical need for

transparent disclosure of pool details. Guests must have access to comprehensive information to assess the suitability and potential risks of a pool. The absence of such information can lead to accidents and legal complications.

To address this issue, vacation rental platforms like Airbnb should require owners to disclose pool depth and other pertinent safety information. By mandating standardized and enforced disclosure requirements, platforms can empower guests to make informed decisions, reducing the likelihood of accidents and subsequent legal claims.

Implementing pool safety standards, including depth markers, rescue equipment, and clear warnings, demonstrates a commitment to guest safety and strengthens the defense of hosts and insurance carriers in legal proceedings. These safety measures also contribute to optimizing short-term rental insurance coverage, including pool-related incidents.

As the short-term rental industry continues to evolve, property owners must recognize their duty of care and take necessary precautions to protect guests. By focusing on comprehensive safety standards, transparent disclosure practices, and obtaining properly underwritten insurance coverage, owners can optimize their insurance policies, ensuring adequate protection and peace of mind.

Proper Insurance, a leading provider of short-term rental insurance, understands the importance of safety and proper coverage. Through educational resources and tailored insurance solutions, Proper supports property owners in implementing effective safety measures and obtaining comprehensive insurance coverage.

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