



# St. Louis County Sheriff's Office

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## Permit Application for Buoy or Swim Raft

The following information is required to process your application for a permit to place a buoy or place a swim raft on a lake. (Required by Minn. Rules 6110.1800)

Print Full Name:

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Date of Birth:

Driver's License #

State:

Home Address:

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Daytime Telephone:

Evening Telephone:

Cell Phone:

Other Contact Number:

Address of Buoy or Swim Raft placement: (If 9-1-1 address is not assigned, provide legal description):

Body of water that buoy or swim raft will be located on:

**Please include a map of the location of the buoy placement/swim raft, showing the area around the buoy or raft, including shoreline area, docks, cabin/house location and approximate distance from shore.**

Raft or buoy will be reflectorized according to Minnesota state law, will not be a hindrance to navigation, will be removed from the water prior to ice up and the permit number will be displayed on the raft or buoy.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

**For Office Use**

Permit Approved:

Permit Denied:

Permit Number:

Permit Valid from:

to

Approving Authority:

## Permit for Buoy or Swim Raft (continued)

### **SWIMMING:**

#### **Private Areas:**

The owner or lessee of shoreline property may mark off up to 2,500 square feet, but not more than 50 feet along the lake frontage, for a swimming area directly in front of his or her property. Markers to designate a private swimming area must be white with an orange diamond and cross on each side. The markers must extend out of the water at least six inches but no more than 14 and should be spaced no more than 15 feet apart. (Note: A white gallon plastic bleach bottle with the orange markings painted on each side fulfills this requirement).

#### **Public Areas:**

Public swimming areas (including resorts) must be marked off with the standard buoy: "Boats Keep Out". This buoy is white with an orange band at the bottom and top. Between the orange bands is an orange diamond with a cross inside. The design appears on opposite sides of the buoy. Above or below the diamond shapes are the words SWIM AREA in black, two-inch lettering.

Marker buoys must not be spaced more than 75 feet apart. Smaller all white markers may be used to add definition to the area marked by regulation markers.

No specific size limits are imposed on public swimming areas.

#### **Permits:**

You can obtain a permit for swimming area markers from the county sheriff. No swimming marker or swim raft may obstruct navigation or unduly interfere with public use of the water. Sheriffs or conservation officers may direct the owner to move such markers or remove them from the water.