



## **WAVE Water Safety at Marshall Pool: Smart Technology, Safer Swims**

### **Starting May 12**

All swimmers ages 12 and under must wear a WAVE headset during Public Swims and Splash Away Swims, unless they pass the Marshall Pool swim test.

### **What is WAVE?**

WAVE is a special safety system that helps lifeguards watch swimmers more closely. It uses Bluetooth technology to track swimmers in real time. If someone's face stays underwater too long, the headset sends an alert to lifeguards so they can respond.

### **Why WAVE, Why Marshall?**

Even though our lifeguards are well-trained and certified, accidents can still happen. WAVE adds another layer of safety—especially for children, who are at higher risk of drowning.

Marshall Pool is a deep-water pool, which presents greater risks for swimmers compared to more shallow leisure pools like Firstenburg Pool.

### **Swim Test Option**

Swimmers ages 12 and under do not need to wear a headset if they pass the Marshall Pool swim test.

- Swim tests are given by lifeguards during any Public or Splash Away Swim.
- The test shows if a child can swim unassisted and safely.
- Just ask a lifeguard to take the test!

### **Good to Know**

- WAVE headsets are free and available on the pool deck.
- Our staff is happy to help fit them for safety and comfort.
- Anyone can wear one! WAVE is available for all swimmers, not just kids. It helps protect everyone—especially in emergencies or unexpected situations.

### **We're Always Focused on Safety**

WAVE doesn't replace our lifeguards—it supports them. With WAVE, we're adding even more peace of mind so you can swim, splash, and enjoy the pool safely.

Learn more at [www.cityofvancouver.us/wave](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/wave).