

# CHEMICAL SMELL

AT THE SWIMMING POOL?

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK IT IS...

95% of Americans

INCORRECTLY

believe that the chemical odor they smell at pools is usually a sign that there's **too much chlorine** in the water.

## WHAT'S THE REAL CULPRIT?

When chlorine in pool water combines with...



PEE



POOP



SWEAT



DIRT

from swimmers' bodies, chemical irritants called **chloramines** are produced.

*Chloramines formed in swimming pools are different from the type of chloramine (monochloramine) used successfully for decades to safely disinfect drinking water.*

THESE CHLORAMINES GIVE OFF A "CHEMICAL SMELL" THAT CAUSES



RED, IRRITATED EYES



SKIN IRRITATION



COUGHING



A RUNNY NOSE

"These chemicals — **NOT CHLORINE** — can cause your eyes to become red and sting, make your nose run, and make you cough."

- Chris Wiant, Chair of the Water Quality and Health Council

## ARE YOU SWIMMING IN A HEALTHY POOL?

Use your senses to decide whether a pool is healthy and safe or not.



SIGHT

Look for water that's clean, clear and blue.



TOUCH

Check for swimming pool tiles that feel smooth and clean.



SOUND

Listen for pool cleaning equipment.



SMELL

Make sure there are no strong odors.

## THE BENEFITS OF SWIMMING

Most Americans find summertime swimming more enjoyable than running and biking.



SWIMMING

54%

RUNNING

9%



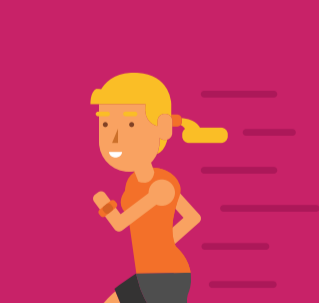
BIKING

14%

"Swimming is proof that exercise **CAN** be fun if you just add water."

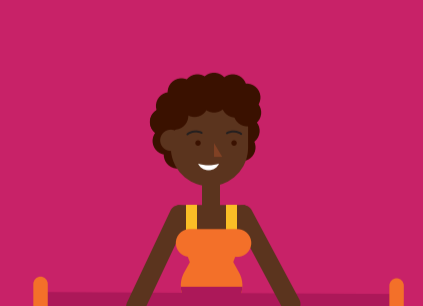
- Thomas M. Lachocki, Ph. D., CEO of the National Swimming Pool Foundation

SWIMMING YIELDS MANY HEALTH BENEFITS, INCLUDING



HIGH QUALITY AEROBIC ENDURANCE

ENHANCED FLEXIBILITY



PROPORTIONAL MUSCULAR DEVELOPMENT

IMPROVED COORDINATION



MAKE A SPLASH IN HEALTHY POOLS THIS SUMMER!

Order a FREE pool test kit at [www.HealthyPools.org](http://www.HealthyPools.org)



The survey was conducted by Survata, an independent research firm in San Francisco. Survata interviewed 1,500 online respondents. The margin of error for the survey is 2.53%.

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