

Public Safety Notice: Important Information About Our Community Sewage Lagoons

Our community relies on **sewage treatment lagoons** to safely and naturally process wastewater. While these ponds are highly effective for waste management, they pose severe health and safety risks to humans and pets.

Please review the critical safety guidelines below to keep your family and our community safe.

Strict Safety Rules

- **No Trespassing:** The lagoon site is strictly restricted. Never cross fences, gates, or warning signs.
- **No Recreational Activities:** Swimming, boating, ice skating, fishing, and wading are strictly prohibited at all times.
- **Keep Pets Leashed:** Do not allow dogs or other animals to wander near the lagoons or drink the water.

Health & Environmental Hazards

- **Harmful Bacteria:** The water contains high levels of pathogens, viruses, and parasites that can cause severe gastrointestinal illness, skin infections, and other diseases.
- **Hidden Drowning Risks:** The steep, synthetic liners or loose soil banks can be incredibly slippery. If a person or pet falls in, it is extremely difficult to climb out.
- **Toxic Gases:** Wastewater treatment generates gases like hydrogen sulfide, which can accumulate near the water's surface and cause dizziness or respiratory issues.

What You Can Do

- **Report Issues:** If you see damaged fencing, open gates, or unauthorized individuals on the property, please report it immediately.
- **Educate Children:** Ensure children understand that the lagoons are utility sites, not recreational ponds.

For questions, concerns, or to report an issue, please contact the **Public Works Department** at (208) 544-2102 or email us at maintenance@dietrichidaho.com. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe!