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City of Racine Takes New Safety Measures at Carre Hogle Park Following Summer Drowning

Racine, WI – The City of Racine is continuing to enhance water safety measures following several tragic incidents this summer. While Racine’s Lake Michigan shoreline provides many recreational opportunities, not all areas are designated or staffed for swimming. To help reduce future risks, City departments have collaborated to strengthen safety resources at Carre Hogle Park.

A joint team from the Fire Department, Public Health Department, and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department recommended two key improvements, both of which have been recently installed at the park:

- **“No Swimming” Signage:** Clear bilingual signs are posted at the park shoreline, warning visitors that swimming is not permitted.
- **Life Ring Buoys:** A throw ring and weather-protected cabinet have been installed for emergency use.

“These steps won’t eliminate every risk, but they provide clearer warnings and critical life-saving tools in case of emergency,” said Mayor Cory Mason. “We remain committed to doing what we can to prevent future tragedies.”

The Racine Fire Department also reminds residents that water safety education is key, especially when it comes to Lake Michigan’s powerful rip currents and sudden conditions. Community members are encouraged to revisit a series of short videos created by the Racine Fire Department, Racine Unified School District, and Racine County:

- [Dangers of Riptide](#)
- [Lake Michigan Overview](#)
- [What to Be Aware Of](#)
- [Life Jackets](#)
- [Signs of Drowning](#)

“Public safety is always a shared responsibility,” said Racine Assistant Fire Chief Brian Wolf. “These resources, both physical and educational, are part of a broader effort to ensure families can safely enjoy Racine’s lakefront.”

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