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Your Shorts are a Health Hazard

A FATHER was banned from his local pool because his trunks were an 'unsafe' length.

Andy Toms was about to jump in when a lifeguard told him his swimming shorts were too long and posed a safety risk to other bathers. The council-run pool's policy forbids swimmers wearing below-the-knee shorts. It claims the extra material can introduce bacteria to the water.

Mr Toms visited Littledown leisure centre with his wife Karen, his daughters Abi and Amie and two of their friends. He said: "The girls were already in the water and I dipped my toes in to see how cold it was when I got a tap on the shoulder from an attendant. She told me I wasn't allowed in the pool because my shorts were too long."

Mr Toms was told he could swap his grey shorts for a pair of trunks in lost property. "I was wearing three-quarter length shorts which come just below the knee, but I've been going to that pool for years and wore those shorts there before. If they put the problem down to hygiene then it is not very hygienic to get a pair from lost property either."

Colette Kiernander, the general manager at the centre, said: "Our swimwear policy is clearly displayed in the changing rooms and is there to maintain a safe environment for all of our swimmers."



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