



Pool safety tips

In addition to installing a child resistant barrier around your pool or spa, here are some important safety practices you should consider:

- **Designate a supervisor while children are in the pool.** Young children should be provided with *"touch supervision"* so an adult is close enough to reach the child at all times. Adults should not be involved in other distracting activities such as talking on the phone, texting, yard work, reading, playing cards, etc.
- Ensure that your pool or spa is equipped with anti-entrapment drain covers.
- **Do not use air-filled or foam toys in place of life jackets.** Water wings, noodles, or inner-tubes are not designed to keep swimmers safe.
- **Keep areas surrounding pools & spas clear of toys.** Remove ladders, floats and other toys from surrounding area, after use. These items may encourage children to return, unsupervised, or lean over the water and potentially fall in.
- **Learn to swim.** Swimming lessons can protect young children and other family members from drowning.
- **Learn CPR and First Aid.** In the event of an emergency, your CPR skills could make a difference in someone's life while you wait for paramedics to arrive. CPR from bystanders has been shown to improve outcomes in drowning victims.

A Splash Of Safety

If you remember one thing about pool safety this summer, remember this: **Vigilant supervision is the number one thing we can all do to protect little ones around water.** Enjoy this special time with your kids without distractions like cell phones or tablets.

