

BE PREPARED:

- Teach kids how to swim. Remember: it does not make them drown proof!
- Anyone watching the pool should be over the age of 14 and know CPR & First Aid.
- Teach kids how to dial **9-1-1!**
- Have your pool or spa inspected yearly by a professional.



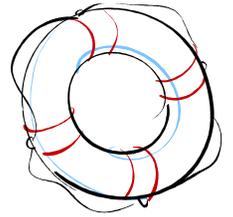
WHAT DO YOU DO IN AN EMERGENCY?

- ☀ **YELL FOR HELP** and get the child out of the pool.
- ☀ **CALL 9-1-1** immediately for emergency medical assistance, if you know CPR perform it until help arrives. If you do not know CPR follow the instructions given by the dispatchers until help arrives.

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www.sbcfire.org

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Staying cool this summer shouldn't be a tragic experience.



Read and practice the water safety tips enclosed to make sure your family is water safe.



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DROWNING FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ☼ Drowning is the leading cause of death to children under five years of age.
- ☼ A pool or spa is 14 times more likely than a vehicle to cause the death of a child under the age of five.
- ☼ **Drowning is a silent event.** Children under five years of age do not understand the dangers of falling into water and usually do not splash or cry out for help.
- ☼ Most of the children who drowned or nearly drown are last seen in the house or yard, not near the pool or spa.
- ☼ Children can drown in the time it takes to answer the phone or door; children have drowned during surprisingly short breaks in visual contact.

KNOW YOUR ABC'S OF POOL SAFETY

1. **ACTIVE ADULT SUPERVISION:** Designate one person to watch the kids that are in or near the pool or spa. This way no one assumes someone is watching the kids. **EYE TO EYE** contact at all times the children are in the pool.
2. **BARRIERS:** Use layers of barriers as protection between water and children. Have an alarm on the door outside, a fence surrounding the pool with a self locking gate, and a pool cover. Keep furniture away from the fence so children can't climb on it.
3. **PREPARATION:** Take CPR and First Aid courses so in an emergency you can be prepared and possibly save the life of a child. When you're done swimming pick up the toys in and around the pool.



Visit: www.abcpoolsafety.org for more tips and info.

HUNT FOR HOME HAZARD CHECKLIST INSIDE & OUTSIDE

OUTSIDE

- ☼ A barrier fence that is at least 5 feet high needs to surround the pool.
- ☼ Fences should allow for a clear view of the pool with no vertical opening of more than 4 inches wide.
- ☼ Keep all doors and windows leading to the swimming pool and spa area locked.
- ☼ Never leave children unattended.
- ☼ The fence around the perimeter of the yard needs to have a self-closing and self-latching gate.

BATHROOM

- ☼ Keep toilet seats and lids down.
- ☼ Keep bathroom doors closed.
- ☼ Empty liquids out of any buckets or other containers immediately after use.
- ☼ Drain sinks and tubs immediately after use.
- ☼ Tubs should have a non-slip surface.



KITCHEN

- ☼ Keep kitchen doors closed.
- ☼ Empty liquids out of any buckets or other containers immediately after use.
- ☼ Drain sinks and tubs immediately after use.

GARAGE

- ☼ Keep washer and dryer lids and doors closed
- ☼ Empty liquids out of any buckets and other containers immediately after use.
- ☼ Drain sinks and tubs immediately after use