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BASIC POOL SAFETY



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Safety items, including pool safety, no diving and caution signs, should be properly installed and/or displayed for the safety of all pool users. We strongly recommend pool owners to request additional safety related publications from the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP), including: "The Sensible Way To Enjoy Your Pool," "Children Aren't Waterproof" and "Pool and Spa Emergency Procedures for Infants and Children." These APSP publications can be ordered from the APSP by calling or writing them at APSP, 2111 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500 Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 838-0083, or by visiting the APSP consumer Web site at www.theapsp.org

The APSP also provides a variety of useful tools for pool professionals and consumers through its Web sites that promote pool fun and safety. Those sites include: www.theapsp.org, www.PoolpeopleUSA.com.

Any use of slides, diving boards or any other features or equipment must be in strict compliance with the respective manufacturer's specifications, current Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP) / American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards, as well as local building codes and regulations. Before anyone uses a swimming pool, diving board or slide, they must first familiarize themselves with the depth of the pool. We encourage you to always enter any body of water feet first.

Adult Supervision is key. No matter what your age or skill level, increase your pool safety and enjoyment by ensuring there's always at least one non-swimming adult present for supervision. A whistle for the adult may meet some resistance and may even sound corny, but it sure comes in handy when you need to alert and get everyone's attention promptly.

Fencing

Encloses the swimming pool area by minimum 4-foot high enclosure. Types: Chain link, wooden, ornamental, thick hedges, etc.

Important: Present ideas/plans to your local building code office before proceeding.

Automatic or Manual Safety Covers

Non-penetrating cover that completely covers pool, blocking access to pool water. Types: Meets ASTM F13-46 standard

Alarms

Alarm triggers loud sound to warn parent or guardian. Types: Door Exit/Home Security; Fence Gate; Pool; Child

Rope and Float Line

Placed across the pool to alert swimmers of the separation of the deep end from the shallow end of the pool.

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Life Ring, Shepherd's Crook (Hook)

These devices are used to pull someone from the pool to safety. All rescue equipment should be placed near the pool in a clearly marked and readily accessible spot. Periodically check and keep all safety equipment in good condition.

Emergency Information and Safety Kit

A first aid kit is always a good idea to keep in a safe and convenient location.

Periodically check to make sure the kit is well stocked with all the essentials. Most importantly, remember to post all CPR, emergency (911 or other) contact information and warning signs in a visible spot near the pool. You and your family may even perform regular pool safety drills to remind everyone what to do/where to go in the event of emergency.

Outside Telephone

A cordless phone is convenient and a good idea especially if you need to call for help or information quickly and without leaving the pool area.

Sunscreen

Choose the level of protection that's right for you and use it! Even on cooler, cloudy days, the sun's ultraviolet rays can burn and damage skin cells.

Toys, Games, Floats, etc.

They provide countless hours of fun and enjoyment for everyone. Make sure that all devices are safe and age appropriate for each individual. Never leave any toys, games, etc. in or around the pool. Put them away for security and for safety.

Cleaners, Chemicals and Maintenance

All cleaning and maintenance supplies should be kept in a locked storage area, away from children and pets. Always check supply labels for proper storage requirements and expiration dates.

CHEMICAL SAFETY:

Always read all chemical labels and instructions carefully prior to use and be sure to follow the directions. Keep all chemicals out of the reach of children and be sure to properly store and handle chemicals in accordance with label instructions.

Never mix any chemicals together. All chlorine products are not the same and should never be mixed together. Always add chemicals to water; never add water to chemicals.