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POOL SAFETY RULES

- Stay within sight and reach of children in, on or near water at all times.
- Active adult supervision is the primary layer of safety.
- Always watch children closely when they are playing with inflatable toys or swimming with water wings or lifejackets as these do not replace active adult supervision for safety.
- Encourage swimming lessons and first aid & CPR instruction for all family members or caregivers.
- Restrict access to your backyard pool or spa and ensure that the four-sided barrier conforms to local by-laws.
- Refrain from propping gates open, or disabling alarms on doors that connect to pools or spas.
- Keep all chemical products away and out of reach from children and other unauthorized individuals.
- Encourage walking only around the poolside.
Running is prohibited.
- Drain all backyard wading pools after every use.
- Never dive into a spa, an above ground pool, or the shallow end of any pool.
- Always enter pools feet first.
- Do not use slides on above ground pools.
- Establish a set of pool rules and ensure that everyone using your pool follows them.
- A child does not know right from wrong.
- All children are attracted to the water/pool.
- A child does not know or understand fear.
- You can't trust a child's judgment.
- If a child can't be found, immediately check the pool first.
Time is critical!
- When having a party, designate a child watcher for pool safety.
- Adults become preoccupied when socializing and often assume someone else is watching the kids.



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- Never consider youngsters "water safe" because they've had swimming lessons. There are NO water-safe children.
 - No one should ever swim alone. Teach your children to use the buddy system. Since children learn by example, parents should follow these pool safety tips too.
 - Learn CPR. Due to the time it takes for paramedics to arrive, your CPR skills can make a difference in someone's life. Anyone responsible for children, such as babysitters, should know CPR.
 - Radios, CD players and ALL other electrical equipment should be kept away from the pool area.
 - Toys and games should not be stored or left near the pool. The lure of toys near the pool is much too inviting for children.
 - Keep a phone and rescue equipment handy in the pool area. Make sure they work.
 - No drugs or alcohol when you plan to use the pool.
 - Stay out of the pool during thunder and lightning storms.
- **In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1.**

Please supervise your children at all times –

Install a Guardian removable safety fence around your pool.

This guide courtesy of www.safetypoolfence.ca

Please feel free to distribute this to your friends and neighbours!

Remember, teaching your child how to swim DOES NOT MEAN your child is safe in the water.