

My Home Pool Safety Checklist

Directions: Take a minute to inspect your home pool for safety. Many times we think we have taken all the precautions necessary to protect our family and guests. Use the following checklist as a guide to make sure your pool and surrounding area is safe.

- Pool is completely enclosed with a fence with vertical bars (so that it is not easy to climb) that has a self-closing, self-latching gate.
- All doors or gates leading to the pool have secure locks, including patios, outside access gates and garage door entries.
- "No diving" areas are clearly marked.
- Pool chemicals are stored in a secure area and locked for safety.
- Pool tiles and deck area are free of sharp areas or broken tiles.
- Pool ladders, slide and diving boards are in good condition and free of loose bolts.
- Pool covers are completely removed prior to pool use and completely secured when in place.
- Toys are in good condition and free of broken or sharp edges.
- Toys are stored and kept away from and out of the pool when it is not in use.
- Furniture or toys are not left near a fence that would enable a child to climb over the fence.
- An emergency action plan is present to address potential pool emergencies.
- CPR and first aid instructions are posted.
- Emergency telephone number for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system is posted by your telephone. A telephone or fully charges cordless or mobile phone is kept poolside.
- Basic lifesaving equipment is located near the pool and family members know how to use it. Reaching pole, rope and life jackets and well-stocked first aid kit are available.
- Water is clean, clear and properly maintained. Water should be chemically treated and tested regularly. Contact a local pool store or health department for information and instruction.