

Backyard Pool and Spa 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 in lifejackets as these do not replace active adult supervision for safety.
- Encourage swimming lessons and first aid instruction for all family members or guardians.
- 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 from children and other unauthorized individuals.
- Encourage walking only around the poolside. Running is prohibited.
- Always swim with a “buddy” or with an adult supervisor.
- Do not swim or soak if you have been drinking alcohol.
- 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.
- In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1.



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