

## Pool Safety Tips:

1. *Never leave a child unattended in the water or pool area for any reason. If you must leave the pool area, take the child with you, making sure the pool gate latches securely when it closes.*
2. *Always keep your eyes on the child or children. Designate a CHILD WATCHER, whether you or someone else, when you attend a party or have friends or family over.*
3. *If a child is swimming or playing near the water, an adult must be at arms reach and watching at all times.*
4. *Talk with baby-sitters about pool safety, supervision and drowning prevention.*
5. *Post rules such as “No Running,” “No pushing,” “No dunking” and “Never swim alone.” Enforce the rules.*
6. *Don’t rely on swimming lessons or “floaties” to protect your children in the water.*
7. *Don’t assume that drowning or a drowning incident couldn’t happen to you or your family.*
8. *Don’t have a false sense of security just because you think your pool area and home are secure. Always watch your children, whether in the house or outside.*
9. *Attend a CPR class. Make sure your babysitter knows CPR. For CPR class information, contact the Prescott Fire Department at (928) 777-1700.*



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*How Safe Is Your Backyard?*



## Pool Safety Checklist

If you have a pool at your home, this checklist can help you identify areas of potential danger which should be corrected to ensure your children's safety.

1. Is your pool separated from your house by a fence, at least 5 feet high with unclimbable, vertical bars spaced no more than 4 inches apart?
2. Is there a strong, self-closing, self-latching gate that provides the only access to the pool? Is the gate kept locked when the pool is not in use? If not, is the latch above the reach of small children and located on the pool side of the gate?
3. Are you careful to keep chairs, tables, children's toys or any other climbable objects away from your pool?
4. Have you considered an alarm for your gate which would indicate whenever the gate was opened. Have you considered a motion detector alarm for your pool area?
5. Are all your pool chemicals and/or any other hazardous materials or equipment stored safely in a locked area? Do you observe all safety precautions when using chemicals or equipment around your pool area?
6. Have you removed any barriers to visibility around your pool, such as trees, bushes, play structures or other things blocking a clear view of the pool area?

7. Do you have non-slip ladders or built in steps at each end of the pool, and is the water level kept within 3 to 4 inches of the pool deck to make climbing out easier?
8. Have you begun to teach your children-regardless of age- how to safely enjoy their pool, and never go in or near the pool by themselves?
9. Do you or some other responsible adult, knowledgeable in water safety and trained in CPR, provide uninterrupted supervision whenever children are in the pool?
10. Is there safety and rescue equipment poolside? Do you know how to use it? Have you discussed and practiced with your family and neighbors an emergency plan that you would follow in the event of a drowning or serious accident?
11. Have you talked to your family, including grandparents, babysitters, neighbors, and anyone else who may be responsible for your child's safety about how to prevent drownings and how to use 911 in the event of an emergency? Is there a phone poolside for calling 911?



## REMEMBER THE ABC'S OF WATER SAFETY

### **A- Adult**

- Do you maintain constant eye-to-eye supervision with children around **ANY** body of water (pool, bath, buckets, etc.)
- Have you assigned an adult to supervise children around **ANY** water, especially at parties?
- Do you know that floaties or other inflatable flotation toys are **NOT** life jackets and should **NEVER** be substituted for adult supervision?
- Have you posted the 911 emergency number, and both the home address and phone number on every phone?

### **B = Barrier**

- Is there a fence in good repair that separates your pool from the house and play yard?
- Is the pool gate closed and locked?
- Are all doors and windows leading to the pool area locked?
- Is there a clear view from the house to the pool or spa?
- Are there chairs, tables or toys nearby that a child could use to climb over the pool fence?

### **C = Classes**

- Have you been trained in CPR?
- Do you have your child enrolled in swim lessons (if over age 4)?