



Water Safety Guide

Put Safety First!



General Safety Guidelines

- ▶ Establish pool rules & enforce them
- ▶ Don't chew gum or eat while you swim; you could easily choke. Never drink alcohol & swim
- ▶ Obey "no diving" signs
- ▶ Never dive into an above ground pool. They are too shallow
- ▶ Always enter feet first into water
- ▶ **Never walk on the pool cover**
- ▶ When using the pool, remove cover completely
- ▶ Stay alert for changing weather conditions. Leave the pool immediately when you see signs of a storm coming
- ▶ **Learn CPR & basic first aid**
- ▶ Maintain rescue equipment (E.g., pole, rope, shepherd's crook, personal floatation devices) & a first aid kit by the pool
- ▶ Keep a phone poolside in case of emergencies. In an emergency call 9-1-1
- ▶ **Floating toys attract young children.** Remove toys from the pool when not in use. Children can easily fall into the pool while trying to retrieve one
- ▶ Stay away from the main drain, as suction from the pump could entrap you underwater

Supervision Guidelines



POOL WATCHER

Designate one adult to assume primary responsibility for supervising & enforcing the pool rules

NEVER LEAVE THE POOL UNSUPERVISED!



Never swim alone or allow others to do so

POOL FLOATS

Do not rely on plastic inner tubes, inflatable arm bands, or other toys to prevent accidents

INSTALL A ROPE & FLOAT LINE

Designating the transition from the shallow to the deep end



Make sure young & non-swimmers stay in the shallow end



DRAIN COVERS

Never allow young children to play with or swim near drain covers

EDUCATE YOUNG SWIMMERS

Regarding pool safety precautions such as jumping, diving & sliding into the pool appropriately & acting in a responsible manner around the pool





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Creating Layers of Protection

While adult supervision is the key to avoiding any unintentional pool accidents, establishing layers of protection to complement the requirement for constant adult supervision of young children around aquatic environments.

Putting a variety of devices in place is optimum so that if one fails, another is ready as a backup.

Layers of protection could include:

- ▶ Barriers - such as 4 - 5 ft fences
- ▶ Self-latching & self-closing gates/ doors
- ▶ Pool & door alarms
- ▶ Safety & auto covers
- ▶ Outside phone for emergencies



GATE SAFETY LOCKS, LATCHES & DOOR ALARMS

Keep children and pets safe around your pool. Gates should open out from the pool and be self-closing, self-latching, and child-proof. All doors allowing access to a pool should be equipped with an audible alarm which sounds when the door/ screen is opened.



SWIMMING POOL ALARMS

The alarm alerts you to falls into the pool or unwanted intrusions of items weighing 15 lbs or more. The Pool Eye (PE22) has adjustable sensitivity with a range of 180 degrees and up to 50'. It automatically resets and has an independent on/off control with child proof lock.



ABOVE GROUND POOL FENCING

Pool fencing can be applied as a barrier attached at the top of the pool wall. In addition, a safety ladder or step can be removed or locked to prevent access.



PROTECT-A-POOL® INGROUND SAFETY FENCE

This fencing system is the easiest way to make your pool safe from unwanted intrusion. While easy to install and remove, GLI's patented pole design can withstand over 200 lbs of pressure. Available in 4' or 5' heights in 10' adjustable lengths.