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Simple Water Safety Steps Can Save Lives

Your greatest water safety assurance comes from adopting and practicing as many safety steps as possible. Adding an extra safety step around the water can make all the difference.

You can never know which safety step will save a life — until it does.

Stay Close, Be Alert and Watch

- Always watch your children and never leave them unattended
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings
- Have a phone close by at all times
- If a child is missing, check the pool first
- Share safety instructions with family, friends and neighbors

Learn and Practice Water Safety Skills

- Learn to swim
- Know how to perform CPR on children and adults
- Understand the basics of life saving so that you can assist in a pool emergency

Have the Appropriate Equipment

- Install a fence around the perimeter of the pool and spa of at least four feet in height
- Use self-closing and self-latching gates
- Ensure all pools and spas have compliant drain covers
- Install a door alarm from the house to the pool area
- Maintain pool and spa covers in working order
- Have life-saving equipment such as life rings or reaching poles available for use

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Pool Safely is a national public education campaign to reduce child drownings, non-fatal submersions and entrapments in public swimming pools and spas. The campaign was developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to carry out the requirements of the *Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (P&SS Act)*, federal legislation mandating new requirements for public pools and spas, including a public education campaign.

CPSC is working to ensure drowning and entrapment prevention become important public safety priorities by raising awareness, promoting industry compliance and improving safety at pools and spas. The *Pool Safely* campaign gives emphasis to an important and simple message: just adding an extra safety step in and around the water can make all the difference.

CPSC estimates that each year nearly 300 children younger than five drown in swimming pools and spas and more than 3,200 children that age go to hospital emergency rooms due to submersion injuries in pools and spas.

You and your family can *Pool Safely* by adopting extra safety steps:

- Practice supervision
- Install barriers
- Avoid entrapment
- Know life-saving skills

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For more information and resources for pool and spa safety and the Pool and Spa Safety Act, visit: **www.PoolSafely.gov**

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