

INFANT SWIMMING RESOURCE

POOL SAFETY



#1 EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION

- Supervision is the first, and most critical line of defense to prevent drowning.
- Segment Supervision by designating a specific period of time to devote your complete and undivided attention to your child who is around the water (15 min.) - Don't answer the phone, don't read and don't talk to other adults - give your child 100% of your attention
- Designate one parent as the Water Watcher so there are never questions about which adult is responsible for watching the child



Please be cautious of the curiosity and fun doggy doors can be for young children.

Permanent Fence

- Permanent 4-sided pool fence with a self-locking gate
- Periodically shake-test every part of your pool fence
- Do not allow your child to play on and/or climb the fence
- Remove patio furniture that may be pushed or pulled and used as a ladder

Pool Water

- Keep the water level at the uppermost point
- Aim jets and in-floor jets to the shallow end of the pool
- Waterfalls in pool areas create a noise level that may compete with a cry for help

Phone

- Never answer your phone during Segmented Supervision
- Carry a cell phone with you at all times to call 911 in an emergency
- Have an outside pool phone designated for emergencies only
- Have your address printed out next to your outdoor phone for emergency situations

Pool Toys

- Outdoor toys should be stored in an area that is isolated from the pool deck
- Keep your pool deck clean and clear
- Pool tools are not pool toys

Alarms

- Make sure all doors leading to the pool are locked and alarmed
- Alarms should indicate that someone is in the pool area or has opened/closed a door or gate, or is trying to climb the fence

Educate Others

- Friends and family may not understand the importance of keeping gates closed, doors locked, closing toilet seats, emptying buckets, etc.
- Visiting family, holiday parties and celebrations can lead to breakdowns in routine supervision and effective barriers to the water
- If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first

Drain Entrapments are a **SERIOUS** danger. Please make sure your children:

- Do not play or swim near drains or suction outlets especially in spas and shallow pools
- Never enter a pool or spa that has a loose, broken or missing drain cover
- If you see a broken or loose drain cover, immediately notify a lifeguard or pool/spa manager
- Children's public wading pools, other pools designed specifically for young children and in-ground spas that have flat drain grates and single main drain systems pose the greatest risk of entrapment

Information provided by: www.PoolSafely.gov