

When your pool is being used...

SUPERVISION of the pool is **THE** most important safety consideration.

In addition to having parents supervise their own children, especially toddlers, also designate a Water Watcher when children are in or near the pool. Use the Water Watcher tag to identify the person who will be responsible for watching the pool. Maintain constant visual contact with the children in the pool.



Never leave a child alone in the pool or spa, even for one second.



Do not allow diving from the side or shallow end of the pool



Keep a telephone near the pool when it is in use, and call 911 quickly in an emergency.



Keep toys, especially tricycles, big wheels, etc., away from the pool. Remove all inflatables like tubes, rafts and beach balls from the pool after each use.



Do not allow swimming in an unlighted pool at night.



When your pool is not being used...



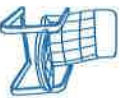
Make sure all fence gates and doors leading to the pool area are self-closing and self-latching with latches above a child's reach.



Restrict children's access when the pool cannot be supervised properly. Keep doors and gates that lead to the pool area closed and locked, with alarms. Consider the use of non-climbable fencing between the house and pool (with a self-latching self-closing gate) along with an automatic or manual safety cover.



Drain standing water from pool safety covers.



Keep chairs and other items children can climb on away from pool fences and gates.



What you can do to be prepared...



Know the risks. Children two and under are at great risk in backyard pools. Prevent them from getting near the pool. Teach children to swim, but remember: it does not make them drown-proof.



All pool owners, parents, guardians and babysitters should learn how to perform a water rescue and CPR (with rescue breathing.)



Teach children how to dial 911.



Install anti-entrapment or safety drain covers that are compliant with the VGB Pool & Spa Safety Act.



Have a professional pool service technician perform an annual pool safety inspection.





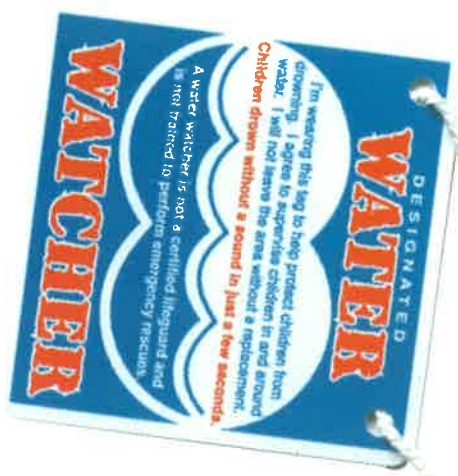
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What is wrong with this picture?



Your swimming pool and spa are sources of fun, relaxation and exercise for you, your friends and your family. To increase awareness of pool safety, the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association (IPSSA) is providing this brochure and the Water Watcher tag to assist you in keeping your pool safe and fun.



Look inside for the answer and ways to make your pool safer

