

# Home Pool Safety Checklist

*Make pool safety a family affair — inspect your home pool/spa regularly*



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The more layers of protection you have around water, the safer your child is.

SWIMMING POOL FENCE	Yes	No	Follow-Up Action
Ensure your fence complies with current ordinances			
All fence panels in place			
All fence panels securely attached			
Gaps or holes are less than 4 inches			
Distance between the bottom rail & ground is less than 4 inches			
Rusted, loose, or missing screws are replaced			
Fence is 4-sided with house not being one of the sides			
SWIMMING POOL GATE	Yes	No	Follow-Up Action
Gate swings back to closed position after being opened			
Gate latches & stays closed on first swing			
Gate is secure & does not open if a child bounces on bottom rail			
Gate is not able to be propped open			
The gap between the gate and fence is less than 4 inches			
AROUND THE YARD	Yes	No	Follow-Up Action
Yard is free of objects to assist with climbing, such as chairs			
Toys are always removed from the pool and stored out of view			
Trees & shrubs near fence are trimmed low & do not assist climbing			
PUMPS, GRATES & SUCTION	Yes	No	Follow-Up Action
Pool's suction fittings, plumbing grates are securely in place & in good condition			
Pool users/supervisors know where & how to switch off pool/spa electrical pump system			
Swimmers must tie long hair up & may not wear dangling jewelry			
Pool drain has large surface area & small openings			

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*Disclaimer: This checklist does not substitute for a pool inspection and is for educational purposes only. Pool owners should consider securing a professional assessment of their pool's safety compliance.*



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<b>SUPERVISION</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Follow-Up Action</b>
Constant adult supervision is used, not that of older children			
Touch Supervision is always used for children who cannot swim when in & around the pool (within arm's reach)			
During group gatherings, an adult is designated to supervise children in & around the pool			
<b>POOL</b>			
"No diving" areas are clearly marked			
Safety rules are posted & followed strictly			
Pool tiles & deck area are free of sharp areas, broken tiles			
Pool ladders, slides, diving boards are in good condition			
Above ground pool ladders are safely & securely stored during non-swim times			
Portable pools are emptied when not in use			
Basic lifesaving equipment is visible, in good working condition & all swimmers know the proper use of equipment			
<b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS</b>			
Family members have current CPR certifications (not hands only)			
First Aid Kit stocked & placed in pool area			
Cell phone always available in pool area when in use			
<b>CHEMICALS</b>			
Pool chemicals are stored securely, out of view, out of children's reach			
Protective equipment is available to handle chemicals			
Chemical containers used for mixing are cleaned to avoid vapors from incompatible chemicals			
Safety Directions on the label of pool chemicals are read prior to using			



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