

# Pool & Spa Safety Tips



## LOCK

- Put up a fence that is at least 4 feet high and surrounds all sides of the pool or spa. The fence should have a gate with a lock that closes and latches by itself.
- Use door, gate and pool alarms.
- Teach children not to play or swim near pool or spa drains.
- Use approved safety drain covers and back up devices.



## LOOK

- Always watch children when they are in or near water.
- When you are watching children, don't be distracted by phone calls, text messages, reading or talking to others.
- Watch children even if they know how to swim.
- Children who can't swim or can't swim well should be within your reach.
- Keep a phone near you – use it only to call for help if there is an emergency.
- If a child is missing, check the water first.



## LEARN

- Both adults and children should learn how to swim.
- Learn when to use U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.
- Learn how to use rescue equipment.
- Learn CPR.



## Did you know?

- Most children were being watched by an adult just before they drowned.
- Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children.
- Approximately 400 children age 14 and younger drown each year in pools and spas.
- Home swimming pools are the most common place for a child younger than age 5 to drown.



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