



While this chart cannot take the place of common sense and precaution, we recommend the following guidelines in order to help you and your families safely enjoy your swimming pool.

POOL WATER SAFETY

Supervision

Adult supervision is a key element in getting the maximum, safest enjoyment from your pool.

- Never let children under the age of 14 swim unsupervised in a pool.
Constant, vigilant supervision of infants and children is paramount at all times.
- One individual must assume primary responsibility for supervising the pool and consistently enforcing pool rules.
- Set pool rules and stick by them. Don't allow running around the pool, which can easily cause slips to occur.
- Pool rules should be clearly communicated and understood by all persons - young or old - who use your pool.
- Never swim alone or allow others to do so.
- Be sure access to your pool area meets or exceeds local codes to keep children and uninvited guests from using your pool unsupervised.

Swimming Ability

Never swim alone or allow others to do so.

- Always find out whether or not guests can swim. Supervise guests who can't swim the way you would a child.
- **If you're uncomfortable with someone's swimming abilities, make sure they stay in the shallow water area and watch them closely.**
- Pay special attention to educating young children and non-swimmers about important safety precautions.

Divers

Use good judgment before you dive into a pool.

- Always know the shape of the pool bottom and the water depth before you dive headfirst.
- Never dive into an above-ground pool, or into a pool that does not meet a "diving pool" standard.
- Never dive headfirst into the shallow part of the pool or dive across the narrow part of a pool.
- Never dive from any place that is not specifically designed for diving.

Entertaining

Always supervise your guests in the pool.

- Use of alcohol or drugs does not mix with pool activities.
- Prohibit horseplay, especially throwing or pushing someone into the pool.
- Keep electrical appliances a significant distance from the pool. Don't use extension cords.
Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) on any appliance or electrical device that is used poolside.

ADDITIONAL POOL SAFETY INFORMATION can be found at:

Association of Pool & Spa Professionals
Centers for Disease Control
American Red Cross
Water Quality and Health Council

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER... FOR MAJOR EMERGENCIES... CALL 911