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## Pool Safety

Each year, many children drown in backyard swimming pools and in small kiddie pools. This can happen when a pool is not fenced all the way around, the gate in the backyard is not properly shut or locked. Please read the following tips to help prevent an accident from happening.

### General Safety Recommendations

- ALWAYS have an adult (who can swim) watching children in and around the pool. Do not leave a child unattended as drowning can occur silently in seconds.
- Keep young children, and children who cannot swim, within arm's reach.
- Children under the age of three, as well as children who cannot swim, should wear a life jacket or an approved personal flotation device whenever they are in or around the pool. Remember, these safety products do not substitute for adult supervision.
- Make sure lifesaving equipment and a first aid kit are nearby.
- Keep emergency phone numbers listed at the closest phone to the pool.
- Take a course on pool safety, first aid and lifesaving skills such as CPR.
- Always check the pool first if a child is missing.
- Drain all wading pools after use.
- Send children to swimming and water safety lessons, but ALWAYS continue to supervise when they are swimming.

### Fencing and Safety Barriers

- Contact your local municipality to ensure that you meet all relevant bylaws before installing and filling a pool.
- Build a fence surrounding all pools, including inflatable pools, with a self-closing and self-latching gate.
- Make sure other accesses to the pool, such as patio doors, are locked.
- Use a solid safety pool cover or a pool alarm as added protection.
- Do not use solar pool covers to prevent children from falling into pools. A child who falls onto a solar pool cover may become entangled in it and drown.
- Remove or lock steps or ladders leading to above-ground pools when the pool is no longer in use.

By following these tips, you will be minimizing the risk of an accident while your children, and others, have fun in the water.

*Have fun and stay safe!*



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