POOL SAFETY

Never leave a child alone near ANY body of water!

SUPERVISION

❖ Your child could drown without a sound, even in a few inches of water.
❖ Stay within arm’s length of your young child, providing “touch supervision” at all times.
❖ Never leave your child alone or in the care of another child in or around water.

BARRIERS

❖ Must be at least 4 feet high, unclimbable, and surround the pool or spa on all 4 sides.
❖ Should completely separate the pool from the house and play area of the yard.
❖ The fence gate should open away from the pool, be self-closing and self-latching, with the latch higher than your child’s reach.
❖ Alarms and pool covers should not be used as a substitute for a fence.

PREPARATION

❖ Learn child CPR and first aid.
❖ Bring a phone with you to the pool, in case of an emergency.
❖ In an emergency call 911.
❖ U.S. Coast Guard approved rescue equipment by the pool:
  • Life preserver
  • Shepherd’s hook
  • CPR instructions posted

Swimming lessons will not provide “drown proofing” for children of any age.

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