



Swimming Pool Safety Checklist

Use this checklist to identify and reduce swimming pool safety hazards.

- Test the swimming pool's water quality at least daily depending on usage and other conditions.
- Provide a pool ring buoy of at least 15 inches that is attached to a one quarter inch throw rope. The rope length should be 1½ times the width of the pool or 50 feet, whichever is less.
- Provide a Shepherd's Hook which is **at least** half the width of the pool.
- Provide a First Aid Kit. Regularly stock the kit with basic first aid supplies and make the kit accessible. Emergency numbers for the fire department and paramedics should be posted in or near the kit.
- Mark the pool depth on the vertical pool walls and on the deck to show minimum and maximum depths and the break in slope between the shallow and deep areas.
- Install drain covers that meet the ANSI/ASME A112.19.8-2007 standard on EVERY drain/grate.*
- Fence all swimming pools to limit unauthorized access. Fencing should be at least 4 feet in height.
- Post a sign at the pool entrance stating the pool rules, hours of operation and diving restrictions. Also post a sign stating "Swim at your own risk."
- Make sure that there are no above-ground electrical lines above or near the pool area.
- All electrical systems near the pool should be ground-fault protected.
- Make sure the surface around the pool is slip-resistant.
- Calcium hypochlorite is a strong oxidizer when wet. Avoid storage of Calcium hypochlorite near organic materials, combustibles or acids which may cause fires or explosions.
- Gaseous chlorine equipment should be located at or above ground level.

* Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act was passed and took effect December 2008 for all public pools and spas.

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