



ABC'S OF WATER SAFETY

Prevent drowning.
Never swim alone.



Children and adults drown without a sound. Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children under the age of five and can happen in less than two inches of water.



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A is for Active Adult Supervision

- Keep infants and toddlers within an arm's reach when near water.
- Never swim alone, even adults.
- Never rely on water wings, rafts, or other swimming aids in place of U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (life jackets).
- If a child or adult is missing, every second counts. Check the water **FIRST!**

B is for Barriers

- Install and maintain proper fencing around the pool and spa to isolate swimming areas from the home and play areas.
- Use multiple layers of protection, such as fences, gate/door alarms, and safety covers, to keep children away from pools and spas.
- Use self-closing, self-latching gates that open outward, away from the pool.
- Remove items such as chairs or tables that a child could use to climb over a fence.

C is for Classes

- Learn to swim. Do not rely on swimming aids such as water wings, rafts, or noodles.
- Learn first aid and CPR. Always keep a phone nearby to call 9-1-1.
- Teach children that running, jumping, and pushing others on pool decks is dangerous and can cause injuries.

Drain Safety

- Keep children away from pool/spa drains to avoid entrapment and entanglements.
- Keep long hair tied back and remove dangling items like jewelry and bathing suit ties.
- Install compliant safety drain covers and automatic shut-off pump systems (Safety Vacuum Release Systems).
- Identify and mark the location of the electrical cut-off switch for the pool or spa pump.
- Know where the pool/spa pump switch is and how to turn it off.