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**SWIMMING POOL SAFETY**

Swimming pools....  
Owning one is terrific. But let's not forget they are also dangerous!

Swimming pools are so dangerous in fact, that nationwide 350 children under age 5 die and 2,000 more children under age five visit hospital emergency rooms for submersion injuries every year!!!

A swimming pool in the yard can be very dangerous for children. If possible, consider not putting a swimming pool in your yard until your children are 5 years of age or older. If you already have a pool, protect your children from drowning by taking the following precautions.

Use the following checklist as a guide to ensuring pool safety.

- ✓ Never leave your children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Keep rescue equipment (such as a shepherd's hook or life preserver) and a telephone by the pool \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Anyone watching young children around a pool should learn CPR and be able to rescue a child if needed. Stay within an arm's length of your child \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Remove all toys from the pool after use so children aren't tempted to reach for them \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Never prop open the gate to a pool barrier \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Steps and ladders leading from the ground to the pool should be secured and locked, or removed when the pool is not in use \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Install a fence or barrier at least 4ft high around your pool with a self-closing and self-latching gate \_\_\_\_\_



Also remember the following:

- ✓ Teaching a child how to swim **DOES NOT** mean the child is safe in water