

# Pool Safety Measures

## Ensure Safe Summer Fun

(ARA) - With proper safety measures in place, you and your family can enjoy endless hours of safe pool fun.

Much attention has been devoted to the dangers of suction drain entrapment since the passage of the federal Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act in 2007. The dangers of entrapment are significant, and anti-entrapment drain covers should be in place, but drowning presents an even greater risk as the second leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 5 in the U.S. Statistics from both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Consumer Product Safety Commission show that hospital treatment for near-drowning is required for thousands of children each year. With the right steps, drowning is preventable.

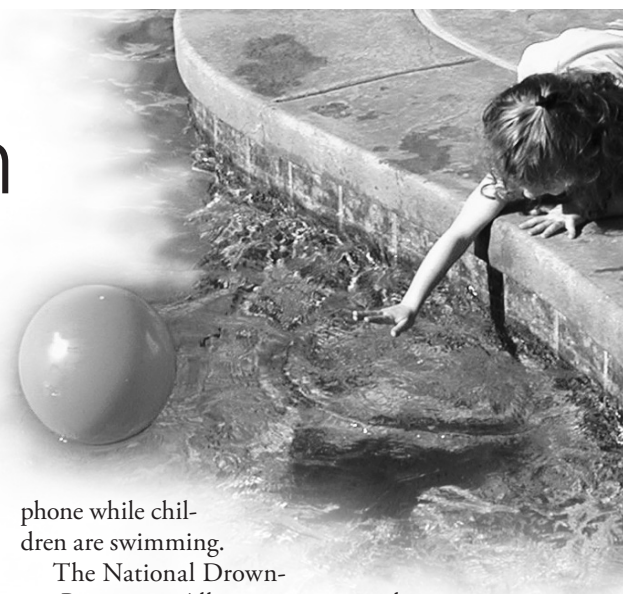
It's vital to have layers of protection in place between your home and pool. Studies in areas where isolation fencing is mandatory have proven that it saves lives. Isolation fencing separates the pool from the home, either surrounding the pool or enclosing all doors leading from the home, to protect children from moving beyond the patio. For above-ground pools, a smaller fence and gate surrounding the steps or ladder can prevent toddler access.

When a child gains unauthorized access to a pool and drowns or suffers permanent injury, it's a terrible tragedy. It can also be a liability issue when the injured party is a visitor. You can improve the safety and security of your pool or spa with isolation fencing with self-closing, self-latching gate hardware.

Pool barrier codes require pool gates to be self-closing and self-latching, and to open away from the pool. Consult your building department for local regulations.

Pool safety advocacy groups like the National Drowning Prevention Alliance recommend several layers of protection to ensure that homeowners can experience the pleasures of swimming pools and feel an added degree of assurance that their children, grandchildren and visitors will be safe.

The Safer 3 is a program developed by the Swim for Life Foundation. Safer water includes fencing and other safety devices such as alarms around the pool; safer kids need adult supervision and swim skill attainment; and safer response means adults should know CPR and rescue breathing, and a cordless phone should be kept poolside so that adults never have to leave the area to answer the



phone while children are swimming.

The National Drowning Prevention Alliance recommends that a "water watcher" be designated for safety when children are in the pool, to maintain eye-to-eye contact at all times. Toys or floating chlorine dispensers that look like toys should never be left in the pool area. Most people don't realize that toddlers are top-heavy, so are at a higher risk of falling into water while reaching.

With isolation fencing and The Safer 3 in place, your family can look forward to years of safe relaxation and enjoyment of your pool. ■ Courtesy of ARAcontent

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