



The Drowning Prevention Network of Orange County

Drowning Prevention Tips and Layers of Protection

1. Never leave a child unattended near water in a pool, tub, bucket or ocean. There is no substitute for adult supervision.
2. Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
3. The home should be isolated from the pool with a fence at least 60" tall, with a self-closing, self-latching gate. The gate should open away from the pool, and should never be propped open.
4. Doors and windows should be alarmed to alert adults when opened. Doors should be self-closing and self-latching.
5. Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are not safety devices.
6. Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone, and can call for help if needed.
7. Learn CPR and rescue breathing.
8. Keep a life-saving ring, shepherd's hook and CPR instructions mounted at poolside.
9. Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
10. Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
11. If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Seconds count.
12. Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
13. Don't use floating chlorine dispensers that look like toys.
14. Instruct babysitters about potential pool hazards, and emphasize the need for constant supervision.
15. Responsibilities of pool ownership include ensuring children in the home learn to swim, and that adults know CPR.
16. Do not consider children "drownproof" because they've had swimming lessons.

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