

Pool Rules:

- S-A-F-E-T-Y: **S** is for **supervision**. **A** is for **alert**. **F** is for **free** - be substance-free. **E** is for **emergency** procedures. **T** is for **teaching** - never too old or too young. **Y** is for **you** - by thinking about safety at all times, you are being a responsible pool owner and user.



Splash the
safety penguin

*"For fun in pools,
follow the rules!"*

Children & Swimming Pools



Safety information for
all pool users and owners

Other available brochures:

- Play and Learn with Splash the Penguin (an activity book for kids)
- Swimming Pools and Storms
- Circulation/ Suction Entrapment Safety

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There is no substitute for constant adult supervision!

Many children love to play in water and a swimming pool is a great way to spend time together. Whether or not there are children around and despite a person's swimming capabilities, safety measures are very important.

Safety Devices:

- Mesh barrier fence
- Self-closing, self-latching gate
- Door and window alarms
- Detection alarms around/ in the pool (there are several different types)
- Personal immersion alarm for a child or pet
- ASTM certified safety cover
- Life rings and shepherd hooks

- Go inside at the first sign of thunderstorms
- No glass/ breakable containers by the pool
- Never swim alone, this means adults too
- Don't use the pool while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Keep up your safety barriers, keep all doors and windows locked and watch all children, even when the pool is not in use
- Read and follow all labels and instructions when using or storing pool chemicals
- Always make sure the pool and pool area are lit when used after dusk
- Never stand or play on a pool cover

Accident Prevention Tips:

- Do not leave toys near a pool, they could attract children
- Do not leave objects near the fence that a child could use to climb over
- Keep doors and windows that lead to the pool area locked
- Always designate a pool watcher. This responsible adult must keep both eyes on the pool and swimmers at all times (pool watcher badges are available)
- Learn CPR
- Make a list of pool rules, post it near the pool and show it to anyone using the pool
- Keep emergency phone numbers posted in the pool area
- No diving in shallow water and always steer your dive up
- No running or rough play around the pool

For more detailed information on each type of safety device, contact a licensed swimming pool professional in your area. To find a one near you, go to www.FloridaPoolPro.com. Click on Find a Florida Pool Prosm to enter your ZIP code and choose a category to find FSPA members.

