

Play It Safe In the Water!!!

At Home:

- ◆ Avoid swimming alone
- ◆ Designate adults to watch children when having a swim party
- ◆ NEVER leave children alone/unattended near a pool, even for a second
- ◆ Install a fence around your pool, and lock the gate to the pool when not in use
- ◆ Remove all toys from the pool when not in use; toys attract children
- ◆ Beware of distractions; phone calls, cooking, another child crying, doorbells, etc.
- ◆ Consider installing a pool alarm, which will sound if a person enters the pool area
- ◆ Teach children to swim at an early age
- ◆ Take time to learn CPR
- ◆ Install a phone outside near the pool
- ◆ If you have an above ground pool, remove the ladder when not in use
- ◆ If a child is missing, always check the pool first
- ◆ Do not leave water standing in buckets
- ◆ Never leave water standing in the bathtub
- ◆ Never leave a child unattended in a bathtub
- ◆ Always close the lid to the toilet
- ◆ Empty wading pools immediately after use
- ◆ Outdoor spas should have protective barriers, such as fencing/covers

Outdoors:

- ◆ Use the buddy system when swimming in lakes or rivers
- ◆ Never swim in a lake or river after you have been drinking alcohol
- ◆ When boating, make sure that all passengers are wearing an approved personal flotation device
- ◆ Never operate a boat after drinking alcohol, and do not allow passengers on the boat if they are intoxicated
- ◆ Learn to recognize when a person is in trouble in the water, people often do not yell for help, and it may appear as if they are splashing or waving, when they are actually trying to keep their head above water