

POOL SAFETY



If you own a home with a pool – or are visiting a home with a pool – take steps to protect children from drowning.


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An adult should **constantly watch children** at all times when they are in or by the pool.

After birth defects, drowning is the **No. 1** cause of death for children ages 1-4 years. Many of these children drown in pools at people's homes – often during times no one was supposed to be swimming. Children can climb out a window, crawl through a doggy door, or exit an unattended door to get to the pool. Drowning is silent and happens in minutes.

Every pool should have a fence that surrounds all four sides, **especially the side that separates the house from the pool**. The fence should be non-climbable, at least 4 feet high, and have a gate that is self-closing and self-latching.

 **Swimming lessons** can help reduce the risk of drowning for children. Some kids may be ready to start swim lessons after age 1.

 Pool covers, door alarms, window guards and **pool alarms** can be additional layers of protection when used with a fence.



Keep toys **out of the pool** when not in use.

