

POOL, HOT TUB & SPA SAFETY

CHECK YOUR SETUP:

- Install a fence around all 4 sides of your pool. To make sure that kids can't climb over or squeeze through the fence, it should be at least 4 feet high, and any gaps or spaces shouldn't be bigger than 4 inches.
- All gates or doors around the pool or hot tub area should have self-closing and self-latching locks that kids cannot reach.
- Place alarms on back doors and windows around the pool area so you'll be alerted if someone's heading in that direction.
- Make sure your hot tub or spa has a hard safety cover that locks.
- To avoid slips and falls, make sure that the area around the pool or hot tub has a nonskid surface.

MAINTAIN SAFETY:

- Keep the decks clear of toys, furnishings and electrical appliances so that people avoid falls or getting shocked.
- Take all toys out of the water when playtime is over. Kids could be tempted to reach for them later.
- Empty portable pools after each use and store them upside-down where kids can't reach them.
- Inspect ladders, handrails and diving boards regularly to ensure they haven't become loose or damaged.
- Keep pool, hot tub or spa chemicals locked up and away, out of your child's sight and reach. Try to use them only when your children are not around.

STAY AWAY FROM DRAINS:

- Keep children away from drains and pipes. The suction can be so strong that their body, hair, or clothing could get caught, entrapping them.
- Make sure to use anti-entrapment drain covers and automatic drain suction shutoff devices.
- Check the covers regularly for cracks or looseness, and, if you can, replace flat drain covers with dome-shaped ones.
- Teach children to never use a pool, hot tub or spa that's missing a drain cover.

BE PREPARED:

- Learn CPR and first aid, because seconds matter in an emergency.
- Make sure to have a phone with you so that you don't need to leave the area and can quickly call for help in an emergency.
- Place rescue equipment like life preservers and a rescue hook, as well as CPR instructions, near the pool, hot tub or spa.
- Keep a first aid kit in a safe and convenient location, and be sure to check and restock it regularly.

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Developed in partnership with the safety experts at Nationwide Children's Hospital, the app helps you make your home safer. Get room-by-room safety checklists, link to recommended products, and set reminders.



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