



ADULT SUPERVISION AND OTHER SAFETY TIPS

Building safety codes protect children and adults in pools, hot tubs and spas. Alert adult supervision of children is essential in pools, hot tubs and spas at all times. There is no substitute for adult supervision to ensure child safety in the water.

Other safety measures include:

- Assign an adult to watch the pool at all times when children are present, making sure there are no distractions such as talking with friends or cooking on a grill.
- The assigned adult must be watching the children at all times.
- Don't assume guests or their children can swim. Ask and observe.
- Don't leave toys in or around the pool area.
- Toddlers and infants should have physical contact with an adult at all times while in the pool area.
- Infants and small children should have constant supervision.
- Make sure all doors and gates leading to the pool or spa area are securely closed when the pool is not in use.
- Do not allow anyone impaired by alcohol or drugs to use the pool.

SAFETY GEAR

Keep a phone within easy reach of the pool area for emergency calls. Post local emergency numbers in the pool area. Always keep basic lifesaving equipment by the pool and know how to use it. A pole, rope and personal flotation devices are recommended.

EDUCATION

Make sure at least one adult supervising activities around the pool has cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training.

- Teach your children to swim.
- Post CPR instructions in the pool area.
- Post basic Rules for Pool Safety in a visible spot near the pool.

WATER QUALITY

Clean and clear water is essential for safe pool, spa and hot tub use. If you cannot see the bottom of the pool at its deepest point, the pool should not be used and you should contact your pool professional.

ELECTRICITY

There should be no electrical devices in the pool, spa and hot tub area unless they are installed, maintained and inspected by qualified professionals. Electrical devices also need to be protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).

KID CONNECTIONS

Sonny, the friendly fish and Bubbles, the safe hot tub and pool buddy, teach children about pool, spa and hot tub safety through fun coloring and activity books at www.Spashzoneusa.com.

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