

Backyard Pool Owners Beware!

Children Require Constant Supervision In, On and Around Water!



Supervision Statistics

Do you know where your children are?

- 42% of all private pool drownings were of children between the ages of 0-12.
- 51% of all drowning victims were not being supervised. Of these victims, 82% were children between the ages of 0-12.
- 30% of all victims drowned when there was a momentary absence of supervision. Of these victims, 94% were children between the ages of 0-12.

These drowning statistics are based on Lifesaving Society research from the past ten years.

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Within Arms Reach

The father and mother were less than five feet away from their four year old son, yet he still slipped beneath the surface of the water, struggling to regain his footing.

Fortunately his father was “within arms’ reach,” scooping him up, as he coughed out a mouthful of water. If he hadn’t been so close at hand, it could have turned out very differently.

Make these your family rules:

- No one swims alone – **Always swim with a Buddy** and be each other’s lifeguard.
- **Designate a permanent backyard pool lifeguard!**
- Make sure everyone can **meet the Swim to Survive standard** for swimming which any parent, teacher or swim instructor can teach.
- Children should use **Lifejackets and PFDs** just in case you are momentarily distracted.

Control access to water:

- **Empty “kiddy” pools** and turn them upside down when finished
- Lock it up – **Inflatable pools** or deeper **backyard pools** need to be surrounded by a 1.8m (6 ft) **tall fence, with self-closing and self-latching locked gate** (based on the Alberta Building Code).

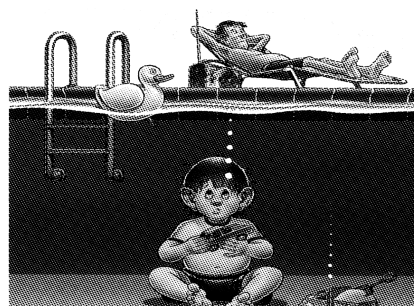
Beware of Pool Covers:

- Using a pool cover will not prevent someone from falling into the pool and makes it difficult to see if anyone is underneath.

What you can do:

- Get your copy of the “Lifesaving Society Private Pool Safety Standards”, which provides owners of private pools, including in-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and temporary inflatable pools with guidelines as to how to provide a safe place for their family, guests and pets.

To get your copy of the Private Pool Safety Standards visit “The Shop” at www.lifesaving.org.



BE WATER SMART.
CHILDREN REQUIRE ADULT SUPERVISION

*If there is water, children will be attracted to it.
Always supervise children!*