

Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation: Pool Safety Area Checklist

- Teach children to “Never go in or around water unless they are with an adult!”
- Constant supervision! Never leave a child unattended in a water area. Even for a moment!
- Post water awareness signs and stickers on doors and gates. Show and explain these to children.
- Never rely solely on floatation devices for non-swimmers.
- Utilize within reach/touch supervision of the very small children.
- NO swimming should be allowed in a cloudy, chemically imbalanced pool.
- Ensure you can see the bottom of the pool and clearly identify the drains.
- Do you have the new non-entrapment drain installed?
- Is your pool completely fenced in? Four sided fencing of the pool itself.
- Do you have self-closing hinges and latches on all doors and gates leading to the pool area?
- Are the latches over 4 feet tall? Child safety latches?
- Is there a CPR trained person in the household? If not get certified.
- Visibly post CPR instructions in the pool area.
- Require each swimmer to have a swimming buddy.
- Is there life saving equipment on hand by the pool? Life preserver, grab bar.
- Never allow diving in any area less than 8 feet in depth.
- Clear entire pool area of pool toys, float rafts, etc. when pool is not in use.
- Do you have a pool cover? Ensure it is closed before leaving the pool area.
- Do you have a water motion pool alarm?
- Take turns wearing a water watcher tag.
- The Water Watcher must pledge to focus only on the pool, NO PHONE, NO DRINKING, etc.
- If large groups of swimmers are expected such as pool parties, hire a lifeguard for the day.
- Have a phone in the pool area. Call 911 immediately in case of an emergency.
- Are there alarms on all doors leading to the pool or water area?
- Are there child safety locks on all doors that lead to the pool or water area?
- Do you have a large dog door that leads to the pool or water area? If yes, please secure it.
- Leave pool area at the first sign of stormy weather.