



Topic: Swimming Pool Safety

Summer swimming can be fun. However, learning to avoid tragedy in and around the pool is a must for everyone..

The *Consumer Product Safety Commission* (CPC) says a swimming pool is 14 times more likely than a motor vehicle to be involved in the death of a child age four and under.

- ✚ Never leave a child unsupervised near a pool, and instruct your baby sitter not to do it.
- ✚ Effectively fence the pool.
- ✚ Remember that children who know how to swim can drown -- even if they are good swimmers.
- ✚ Don't use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- ✚ Keep tables and chairs away from the pool fence to prevent climbing into the pool area.
- ✚ Never use a pool with its cover partly on.
- ✚ Have a telephone at poolside so you don't have to leave the pool area to take a call. Keep emergency numbers at poolside.
- ✚ Learn CPR and have rescue equipment by the pool.
- ✚ Never dive into above-ground pools. They are too shallow.

