Home Pool Safety Checklist

Take a few minutes to inspect your home pool for safety. Use the following checklist as a guide to help you make your pool and surrounding area safe.

☐ The pool is completely enclosed with a fence with vertical bars (so that it is not easy to climb) that has a self-closing, self-latching gate.

☐ All doors or gates leading to the pool have secure locks, including patios, outside access gates and garage door entries.

☐ All doors leading to the pool have audible alarms.

☐ “No diving” areas are clearly marked.

☐ Pool chemicals are stored in a secure area and locked for safety.

☐ Pool tiles and deck area are free of sharp areas or broken tiles.

☐ Pool ladders, slides and diving boards are in good condition and free of loose bolts.

☐ Pool covers are completely removed prior to pool use and completely secured when in place.

☐ Toys are in good condition and free of broken or sharp edges.

☐ Toys are stored and kept away from and out of the pool when it is not in use.

☐ Furniture or toys are not left near a fence that would enable a child to climb over the fence.

☐ An emergency action plan is present to address potential pool emergencies.

☐ First aid and CPR instructions are posted.

☐ Emergency telephone number for the EMS system is posted by the telephone. A telephone or a fully charged cordless or mobile phone is kept poolside.

☐ Basic lifesaving equipment is located near the pool, and family members know how to use it. A reaching pole, rope and life jackets and a well-stocked first aid kit are available.

☐ Water is clean, clear and properly maintained. Water should be chemically treated and tested regularly. Contact a local pool store or health department for information and instruction.

☐ All drain covers have anti-entrapment covers.