

POOL SAFETY

This year, with the added stresses of social distancing, school\childcare closures, and so many of us juggling working from home, it is critical that we remind ourselves of and follow **water safety practices**:

- Never swim alone
- **ACTIVELY** supervise all swimmers, especially children or inexperienced swimmers, whenever they are in the pool:
 - Supervise from the poolside – not through a window while doing chores
 - Designate swim times so you can supervise with undivided attention – not while conducting virtual work meetings
- Teach children to swim and about [water safety](#)
- Flotation devices are not lifeguards – if using them, make sure they fit properly and are [US Coast Guard approved](#)
- Learn the [signs of drowning](#)
- Provide locked safety barriers when pool is not in use – if your home is the “fourth barrier” install self-closing/latching doors with an alarm and/or safety cover
 - Keep climbable objects away from barriers
- Follow current social distancing guidelines / limit the number of people in the pool
- Properly sanitize entry and exit points for the pool and surrounding area throughout the day, such as ladders, gates, and doors
- Perform proper maintenance, disinfection, and testing of the pool



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