

Be Safe In The Water

While the American Red Cross emphasizes that most swimming deaths occur in home pools, there still is need to take care in all situations around water. In home pools, constant supervision and physical barriers should combine to provide safety.

Pool Safety Tips:

- Take a water safety course to learn how to prevent swimming pool accidents
- Set up a safety post with ring buoy or other safety equipment.
- Use buoyed lines to show where water changes from shallow to deep.
- Have a telephone near the pool.
- Post emergency numbers and cross street so any one can read them to the dispatcher.
- Store pool chemicals chlorine, soda ash, and muriatic acid in childproof containers.
- Post safety warnings such as "Do Not Dive" etc.
- Make sure pool is not accessible from street.



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General Water Safety Tips:

- Never swim alone, or let anyone else swim alone.*
- Use Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices when boating.*
- Watch local weather conditions and act accordingly.*
- Never drink alcohol and swim.*
- Stay out of the water when overheated.*
- Obey posted swimming warnings.*