



# Pool Safety

Downey Fire Department Monthly Safety Message



# Summer is Here!

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- The warm summer weather provides an excellent opportunity for us to enjoy ourselves around the pool.
- While we hope that that you get to have some fun in the pool this year, we also would like to provide you with some valuable information to help keep you and your loved ones safe.
- The following tips come from <https://www.poolsafely.gov/parents/safety-tips/>. You can visit this website for further information.



# Never Leave a Child Unattended in or Near Water

Always designate a watcher for children around water, even if there is a lifeguard present.



# Teach Children How to Swim

Swimming is a valuable skill for children to know in order to be safe and have fun in the water.



# Stay Away From Drains



- Do not play or swim near drains or suction outlets, especially in spas and shallow pools, and never enter a pool or spa that has a loose, broken or missing drain cover. Children's hair, limbs, jewelry or bathing suits can get stuck in a drain or suction opening. When using a spa, be sure to locate the emergency vacuum shutoff before getting in the water.

# Check For Drain Covers

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- All public pools and spas must have drain grates or covers that meet safety standards.
  - Powerful suction from a pool or spa drain can even trap an adult.
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## Install Proper Barriers, Covers and Alarms on and Around Your Pool and Spa

- Proper fences, barriers, alarms and covers can be lifesaving devices. A fence of at least four feet in height should surround the pool or spa on all sides and should not be climbable for children. The water should only be accessible through a self-closing, self-latching gate. Teach children to never try to climb over the gate or fence. Install a door alarm from the house to the pool area, and keep pool and spa covers in working order.



# Learn CPR

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- Often, bystanders are the first to aid a drowning victim, so learning CPR can help save a life. And once you're CPR certified, make sure to keep your certification current. CPR classes are available through many hospitals, community centers, or by contacting the American Red Cross.
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