

# WE WANT YOU

To be safe in and around the water!



Our goal is to educate children with a fun and simple message: **TO STAY AWAY FROM WATER UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**



## WATER SAFETY TIPS

- Keep toys out of pools when not in use.
- Lock and secure all doors leading to water areas and features.
- Make sure all gates have self latching locks and No Kids Alone Zone signs.
- Install protective barriers (fences, alarms, security cameras).
- Know CPR, have a phone near the pool, and assign a water watcher to monitor pool.
- Keep children at arms length, if you can't see them they can't see you.
- Never rely on flotation devices as a substitution for supervision.
- Empty plastic pools, coolers, close lavatory lids and turn over 5 gallon buckets when not in use.
- Always wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD) in open water or when on a boat.
- Never drive your vehicle through moving water; as little as 2 feet of water can carry away most SUV size vehicles.
- Keep children away from storm and sewer drain offs, streams, channels and riverbanks during heavy rainfalls or flash flood warnings.
- Discuss water safety with your children, "Never go around water unless with an adult" and "Always swim with a buddy."



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