



POOL SAFETY TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Swimming pools are great for enjoying life in the summer heat, but make sure your pool is safe by installing one or more of the following:

1. Safety covers. Manual or motorized covers are placed over the water's surface when the pool is not in use. Ensure the cover:

- ✓ fully spans the surface of the pool;
- ✓ can withstand the weight of a child and two adults in case someone falls and needs to be helped; and
- ✓ allows for easy and quick removal in an emergency.

2. Pool fences. Entirely surround a pool with a barrier or fence to keep children out. For maximum safety, be sure the fence:

- ✓ has vertical bars less than four inches apart;
- ✓ is at least four feet tall;
- ✓ does not have footholds or handholds that may be used for climbing;

- ✓ features a self-closing and self-latching child-proof gate; and
- ✓ is clear of any objects, such as chairs or tables, that may be used to climb over it.

3. Alarms. Installing alarms on a pool ensures adults are alerted when water in the pool is displaced. Effective alarms:

- ✓ sound for at least 30 seconds and begin within seven seconds of being triggered;
- ✓ are loud enough to be heard throughout the home – at least 85 decibels;
- ✓ emit a sound distinct from other alarms in the home (e.g. telephone or doorbell); and
- ✓ contain an automatic reset feature and deactivation that cannot be located by children.

Have a safe summer. When you're ready to dive into selling or leasing your home, give me a call!