

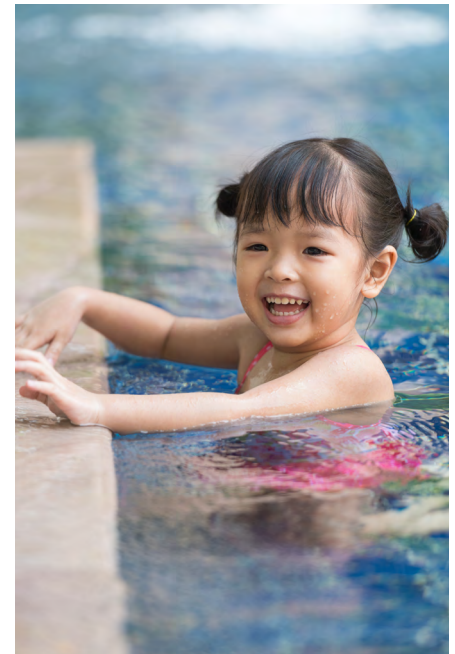


A checklist to help ensure swimming pool safety.

Every swimming pool owner has the responsibility to put safety first in pool operation and maintenance, and to monitor the behavior of users. That's especially true in the case of a human services provider.

Check *all* the boxes to help prevent injury and illness at your facility's pool.

- Have the pool inspected for compliance with federal, state and local regulations.
- Make sure all safety drain covers comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act to prevent suction entrapment.
- Add/install depth markings, divider buoy lines and "NO DIVING" signs.
- Do NOT install diving boards or slides, and have them removed if they're present.
- Employ CPR-trained lifeguards to monitor pool users, and alert guards to be extra vigilant in the case of users with known seizure disorders.
- Test and treat pool water on a regular basis and store chemicals in a secure place.
- Train your staff to be vigilant in addressing interior and exterior slip and fall hazards and to keep food areas free of bees and wasps.
- Post pool safety signs and make sure everyone understands them.
- Erect a barrier around the pool such as a four-sided isolation fence with self-latching gates that are locked at closing.
- Prohibit toy use in the water or supervise closely; also, clear the pool area of floats, balls and other toys so children won't be tempted to enter unsupervised.
- Post emergency contact information prominently in the pool area.
- Have life-saving equipment such as life rings and reaching poles readily available.
- Install a carbon monoxide detection system and check it regularly to identify exhaust leakage from pool heaters into buildings.
- Close the pool during stormy weather.



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