

Instructions:

1. Print double-sided, in color or black & white
2. Cut along dotted lines
3. Use hole punch for top holes
4. Fill in address of pool location (reverse side)
5. If desired, place in a sandwich zip-lock bag
6. Attach a string or ribbon as a land-yard
7. Hang around neck of "Water Watcher"

DESIGNATED

WATER

As the official "pool monitor" to help protect children from drowning, knowing how to swim myself, I agree to:

- Supervise children in and around water, keeping them in sight in the pool and pool area
- Keep the gate to pool closed (to prevent non-swimming children from entering)
- Have phone with me for *emergency use only*
- Avoid distractions (talking on phone, reading, eating, sleeping, listening to music on a headset, etc.)
- Follow *instructions on back side*
- Give this tag to another adult who knows how to swim, before leaving the area

Children drown without a sound in seconds

WATCHER

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PREVENT A DROWNING IN YOUR POOL

As a pool owner, you are responsible for when your pool is in-use and when it is not-in-use. Both have different drowning risk factors so having the necessary layers of protection will help to prevent a drowning. When your pool is in-use, whether you have a few people in your pool or are having a pool party or BBQ, designate an adult, who knows how to swim to be a "Water Watcher".

YOUNG CHILDREN ARE AT MOST RISK

Most drowning injuries and deaths happen in private backyard pools and all are 100% preventable. Remember that among children, children under the ages of 5 are at most risk for drowning in a pool.

Even if you do not have children living in your home, if you own a pool, be aware that many children under the age of 5 who have drowned in a private pool, were not expected to have been in the pool area but somewhere else in the home either sleeping or playing, and some of these children were visitors to the home. This is why all the necessary layers of protection, including the use of the "Water Watcher" tag, are so important.

Children drown without a sound. They go under silently. A child can drown in as little water as it takes to cover their mouth and nose. They can have irreversible brain damage or death in only 4-6 minutes. Having these layers of protection and knowing what to do in case of an emergency, will help prevent a drowning.

WHEN YOUR POOL IS NOT-IN-USE

Make sure your pool has:

- Minimum 5-foot high fence surrounding the pool or spa. If the house forms a barrier, install a separation fence and make sure doors and windows that lead to the pool have alarms and are locked (remember children crawl through "doggy doors")
- Self-closing, self-latching gate that opens outward away from the pool
- Keep lawn chairs, tables and other climbable items away from the pool fence
- Keep lifesaving ring & shepherd's hook in the pool area & know how to use it
- Know how to swim (for lessons call American Red Cross 1-800-627-7000)
- Learn CPR (call American Red Cross 1-800-627-7000)

Questions call Pro Consumer Safety at 323-491-6197

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WATER WATCHER EMERGENCY STEPS

Preparation

- Have a phone for emergency-use only (calling from a mobile phone the address of pool location will be needed)
- Know where "reach" devices are in case a child needs help (lifesaving ring, shepherd's hook, skimmer, inflatable)

To close pool - *make sure:*

- Everyone is out of pool
- Remove any toys from water and pool area
- Close and **lock** pool gate, cover, activate alarms to doors or windows that lead to pool

In an Emergency

- Yell "help water emergency" to get attention of other adults
- Use "reach device" to help swimmer
- Have someone call "911"
- Address of pool location (write in)

