

# The FIVE Layers of Pool Safety

Use this simple checklist and find out if your pool area is secured by the proper “layers of protection”:

## The first layer begins with YOU!

Pool safety starts with the caregiver. Persistent supervision will keep your little ones from accessing the pool area. Also, limit distractions that may interfere with supervision.



## Second layer: inside the home

Have a clear view of the pool from within the house. Access to exterior doors should be limited to adults - use childproof door locks and door alarms on all doors leading to the pool area.

## Third layer: outside the home

The backyard should be secured, as well as the pool area with safety fences and self-closing, self-latching gates. Use an alarm for the gate.

Keep furniture away from the safety fence - kids love to climb!

Hot tubs should have a locking cover.



## Fourth layer: the pool area

Keep toys and floating objects out of the pool, and remove trip hazards from the pool's edge.

Maintain water levels three to four inches from the top. Wave alarms can be placed in the pool. Pool covers can be used when the pool is not in use.



## Fifth layer: swimming lessons

Enroll in swim lessons and make sure that family members can swim too. Always swim with a buddy and make sure children are never left unattended. Use life jackets for swimmers still learning, but do not rely on these alone. Establish rules for play areas, ensuring drains and suction fittings are off-limits.

Teach children to always ask permission to swim!

