

Safety While Swimming

With the summer heat upon us, residential and community pools will be filled with the sounds of laughing, swimming, and other summertime fun. Keep your friends and family safe by teaching them these and other pool and spa safety tips.

Pool Safety

The Stafford Police Department hopes that by providing these safety tips to our community members we can aid in creating a safe swimming environment for your children, families, and friends.



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Pool and Spa Safety

NEVER leave children alone in or near a pool.

Always watch children when playing in or near a pool.

Don't allow children to swim alone, even experienced swimmers.

Air filled swimming aids, "floaties", and noodles should not be used as substitutes for safety devices or life vests.



Children who can't swim or swim well should always be within arm's reach of an adult and wear life vests.



Teach children water safety skills and how to swim. Enroll children in swim lessons.

Clear the deck and pathways of clutter, toys, and other debris to prevent trips and falls. Remove all toys from the swimming pool after use.

Don't become distracted by phones, text messages, reading or talking with others.

Always keep a phone nearby for emergencies.

Safety Equipment

Keep rescue equipment, such as shepherd's hook and life preservers by the pool.

Use door, gate and pool alarms.

Keep children from swimming near pool drains and install anti-entrapment drain covers.



Secure and cover your pools or spas when not in use. Keep covers in good working condition.

Remove steps to above grounds pool when not in use.

A fence at least 4 feet high with a self-latching lock should be placed around the pool preventing children from swimming without supervision. Make sure the gate closes and latches by itself.



Learn adult and infant CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation).

Resources

For additional safety tips, visit www.poolsafety.gov and the US Consumer Product Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov.

Pool Safety Council, www.poolsafetycouncil.org.

Enroll children in swim classes at your local YMCA, www.ymcahouston.org, or other swim school.

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