

Consider water safety when researching and booking overnight stays for your family. Ask these questions when booking a hotel, vacation rental or staying with family or friends.

- 1. What water features are at or in the vicinity of the hotel or rental? Bathtub, pool, hot tub, koi pond, fountain, marina, dock, lake, pond, ocean, river?
- 2. Do water features have barriers such as fencing or pool covers?
- 3. Are alarms on any doors that have direct access to water?
- 4. Is the water feature regularly maintained and tested?
- 5. Is local emergency information posted, along with the address of the pool or waterfront property?
- 6. What is cell phone coverage in the area?
- 7. Are lifeguards present? If so, what hours?
- 8. Are lifeguards available at any waterscapes near the property?
- 9. Does management provide water safety information or demonstrations specific to the site? Do they have an emergency action plan?
- 10. Is water rescue equipment available? Life preserver or reaching pole?
- 11. Are there storage bins for pool toys?
- 12. Is a first aid kit available?
- 13. Are any boats included in the property rental?
- 14. Does the property have any lifejackets?
- 15. What are the local open water safety regulations? Are there beach/lake hours?
- 16. What is the expected weather during the vacation?
- 17. Is there any marine life migration (jellyfish, sharks, whales) expected at the time of the vacation?
- 18. Book water adventure excursions only with reputable companies and experienced guides. Make sure to read reviews.

