

Home pool owners have access to a unique recreational activity. They also have a responsibility to family and community to prepare for its safe enjoyment. No pool is perfect. Know your pool and keep it as safe as possible. LifeCycle Swim School can provide you with an in-person or virtual Home Pool Safety Assessment to help improve your pool's safety and develop an emergency action plan unique to your property.

WATER FEATURES

- Does any pool infrastructure need repairs?
- Are steps, ladders or handrails in good condition?
- Does the pool have any features that require special attention and safety awareness such as a tanning ledge, pool surface, stones or diving boards?
- Are there any additional water features that need maintenance and attention besides the pool? Is there a hot tub, koi pond or fountain?
- Is the property near any open water (lake, ocean...)?

BARRIERS, ALARMS AND TECHNOLOGY

- Is there a 4-sided property fence in working order?
- Does a 4-sided pool fence separate the pool from the residents? Is it in good condition?
- Are gates self-closing, self-latching, lockable and in good working order? Do they open outward?
- Do doors or windows leading directly to water have child-proof locks?
- Do any doors or windows leading outside have audible alarms?
- Do any pet doors lead to the pool area?
- If there is a hot tub, does it have a safety cover in working condition?
- Above-ground pool: is ladder removable? Lockable?
- Is there a surveillance camera?
- Is there a pool entry alert alarm?

SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- Is there a first aid kit? AED?
- Is a sign posted with emergency # (911) and address?
- Are general pool rules and diving rules posted?
- Is there at least one easily accessible, dedicated piece of rescue equipment such as a ring buoy, reaching pole, shepherds crook or other throwable device?
- Is there a designated place for a charged cell phone for emergency?
- Are there extra life jackets in multiple sizes?
- Does the family use a Water Watcher system?
- Does family have ample supply of sunblock?

POOL MAINTENANCE

- Is the pool water clear? Can the bottom be seen?
- Is there a reliable, knowledgeable system to monitor pool water chemistry?
- Is a company in place to handle pool equipment repairs?
- Is the drain cover VGB compliant?
- Are the pool chemicals stored safely?

POOL DECK

- Is the pool deck in good condition? Absent of any tripping hazards?
- Do any deck features or furniture invite any accidental water entries?
- Is storage available for pool accessories such as rafts, noodles, balls and goggles?

BASIC WATER SAFETY EDUCATION

- Does family know the 5 Layers of Protection?
- Do adults who supervise children:
 - Have basic water competency?
 - Know rescue breath CPR and feel refreshed and confident in their skills?
 - Know how to identify and assist the three types of swimmers needing help?
- Do children know to ask permission before getting near or in the water?
- Are children enrolled in swim lessons?

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN / Do the adults in your family:

- Have an emergency action plan?
- Conduct safety drills? Rescue drills?
- Know recommended protocols about leaving, and returning to water after thunder lightening?
- Know what to do in case of pool contamination from feces, vomit or blood?
- Know how to handle any entrapment incidents in the pool or hot tub?