

## Post Pool Party Safety Checklist

Now that you've hosted a safe pool party, follow this checklist to ensure your pool remains in top working order after the wear and tear of entertaining. While research shows that almost 40% of home pool drownings happen during parties and family gatherings, almost 70% of drownings happen during non-swim time. Let's make sure your pool is ready and secure for regular daily life around the pool.

### POOL

- Clear the pool of all toys and accessories: floating toys, sinker toys, rafts, etc. Toys left in a pool are a lure for children.
- Store all toys and accessories away from the pool.
- Check the water chemistry and treat as necessary. When a lot of people use a pool, it may be necessary to treat ahead of your normally scheduled treatment.
- Check key infrastructure of the pool such as handrails, deep end ropes, and if applicable, vinyl liners. Make sure everything remains in good working order.
- If pool has a bottom drain, check that it remains in place with all screws intact.
- Schedule any necessary repairs.

### GATE / FENCE

- If property has any pool gates, check if they remain in good working order. Gates and fences can get bumped and misaligned. They may need an adjustment to remain self-closing and self-latching.
- If gate needs repair / adjustment, schedule it and check quality of work afterwards.
- If gate does need repair, use a bungee cord to secure the gate in the interim.
- Check that all fences are in good condition. Make any repairs immediately.
- Make sure no furniture that could be climbed is next to a pool fence.

### POOL DECK

- Ensure that all the safety equipment is in place: Rescue equipment, first aid kit, AED.
- Clear the deck of all tripping hazards: decorations, toys, towels, clothing and shoes.
- Clear out any extra tables or chairs that may have crowded the space.
- Clear away all trash.
- Did anyone inadvertently bring glass out to the pool deck, and did it break? Take extreme special care to clean up / vacuum any broken glass.
- Scan for items left behind by guests. Collate them, take a photo, and send group text so people can retrieve their belongings.

### IN THE HOUSE

- Check the floors for wetness, and dry completely.
- Clean and disinfect the bathroom that guests used.
- Launder pool towels and re-stock.