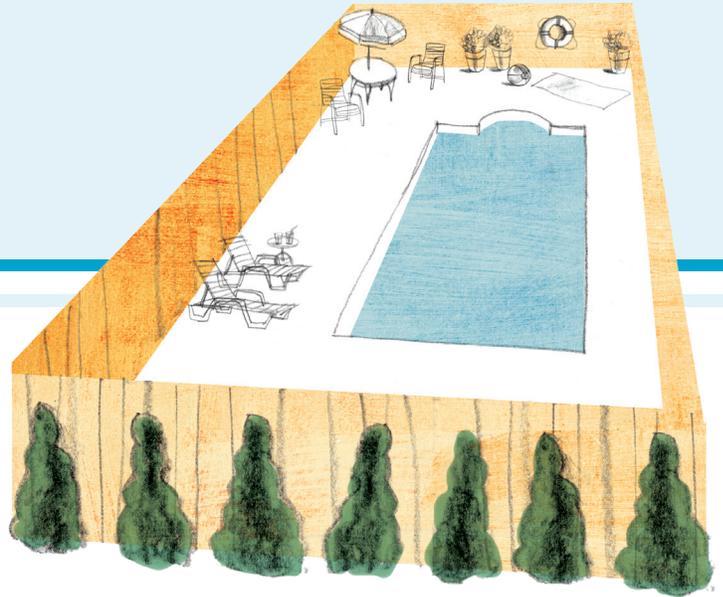


Pool SAFETY

If you have a pool... that's nice!

But how high is the pool fence?

And how safe is the pool gate?



Are the small children in your neighborhood safe around your pool? Think about whether you can answer **YES to ALL** of these questions:

- Is there a fence around your pool that separates it from everything around it, even from your house?
- Is the whole fence at least 4 feet high? And is it made in a way that a child cannot climb? For example, chain link fences are easy for most young children to climb.
- Does your fence have a gate that closes and latches by itself whenever it is opened? Is the latch inside the gate, out of reach of small children?
- Have you made your pool drains safe? To keep kids from getting pulled into the pool drain and trapped there, you can install special drain covers or something called a “safety vacuum release system” (SVRS).
- Does everyone in your house know how to call for help in an emergency? Dial 911.
- Do the adults in your house know how to do CPR on a child? **CPR classes are offered by the Red Cross, local hospitals, and many other organizations.**

If you cannot answer YES to all of these questions right now, you can still work on each of these safety actions to make your pool safe for young children in your home and in your neighborhood.

Here are some other helpful Web sites:

- www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/chdrown.html
- www.liveandlearn.com/pools.html
- www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/5101.pdf