

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT...



Pool Safety Is Not Just For The Summer.

Parents-

- **NEVER** leave a child alone near water
- Always watch your children around swimming pools
- Use approved flotation devices
- If your apartment has a pool, inspect the fence and gate. If the gate does not lock or you find any other defects with the fence, report it to the apartment management immediately.
- Bring a cell phone to the pool in case of emergency
- Make sure there is no standing water on the pool deck. Standing water is the #1 cause of slips and falls around a pool. **NO RUNNING** on the pool deck!
- Enroll children over the age of 3 in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors.
- **REMEMBER-** Swimming lessons do not make your child "Drown-Proof"!
- Always have a first aid kit and emergency contacts handy
- Watch for dangerous "**TOOs**"- Too Tired, Too Cold, Too Far from Safety, Too Much Sun, Too Much Strenuous Activity
- Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. If lightning and thunder are nearby, get out until the storm has passed.

Teach Your Kids these Safety Tips-

- Always swim with a buddy
- Don't dive into unknown bodies of water. Jump in feet first to avoid hitting your head on the shallow bottom.
- Don't push or jump on others in or around water
- Swim in supervised areas only
- Obey all rules and posted signs



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