



WATER SAFETY BARRIERS



No single barrier provides 100% protection. Multiple barriers must be in place so that if one fails, there is another to slow or prevent a child from reaching the water alone and unsupervised. The more barriers you install and maintain, the safer your family will be.



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Identify your risk and have numerous barriers in place to keep children from all water sources.

Non-Climbable Fence

- Install a 4-sided isolation fence tall enough to prevent children from climbing over (at least 4-5 feet)
- Chain-link or other climbable fences don't provide adequate protection
- Bottom of fence must be close enough to the ground to prevent a child from crawling under
- Remove patio furniture or other items a child might use to climb over a fence

Self-Closing/Latching Gate

- Install a self-closing, self-latching gate with a locking mechanism a child can't reach
- Gate should open outward away from the pool

Pool/Spa Covers

- Pool and spa covers protect children and pets by acting as horizontal fences

Door/Window/Pool Alarms

- Alarms will sound whenever triggered

Child and Pet Alarms

- Child wristbands and pet collars trigger the base alarm as soon as they get wet
- Portable and can be used at any pool

Indoor Barriers

- Child-safety doorknob handle covers
- Toilet latches
- Baby gates

Barriers buy time! But, they only offer protection if they work properly. Inspect barriers for damage regularly and repair immediately if needed.