

cooltipsto stay safe this summer!

Summer is a great time to get outdoors and enjoy the water. With a few basic water safety precautions, everyone can avoid danger and keep having fun in the sun!

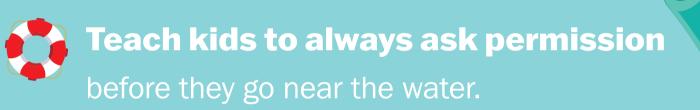
beach safety

boat safety













Teach kids to walk not run, around pools or near the water to discourage horseplay.

Check weather forecasts, and watch for changing conditions. Get kids out of the water if you hear or see a storm approaching.

Never leave young children unattended near water.

Have young children and inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.

Inflatable toys and water wings can deflate or slip off and are not acceptable substitutes for life jackets.

restrict access to the Water

currents.

if the surf appears rough.

Never overload a boat.

help arrives.

Pool barriers should be at least 4-feet high and enclose the entire pool or hot tub area.

Remove access ladders to above-ground or inflatable pools.

Install pool alarms.

Remove any structures that provide access to the pool, such as outdoor furniture or playground equipment.

Watch for dangerous waves and signs of strong

Teach kids to get free of a current by swimming parallel

Keep children out of the water if warning flags are up or

to shoreline. Once free, swim diagonally toward shore.

Teach children to stay away from propellers and not to

If the boat turns over, **teach kids to stay with it** until

Keep a radio on board in order to check weather reports.

jump off the front of a moving watercraft.

Secure the safety cover when the pool is not in use.

Place pool toys that are not in use away from the pool.

be prepared-learn CPR!



Take water safety, first aid, and CPR courses.

The sooner CPR is given, the greater the chance for survival. Studies have shown that even poorly-performed CPR can save a life!

what to do in emergency



Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.

Have appropriate safety equipment on-hand, such as reaching or throwing equipment, life jackets, and a first aid kit.



STAY SAFE ALL SUMMER LONG!