



CHANDLER FIRE

Pool & Water Awareness

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Each year, as the temperatures rise, residents head to the water for fun in the sun. While the atmosphere is exciting, the situation can turn grim quickly. Child drownings continue to occur with each new season and are one of the leading causes of accidental childhood death in Arizona. The fact is, drownings are preventable. Here are some simple steps that you can take to help ensure that a water tragedy does not take place:



- Never leave a child unobserved around water. Designate a “Water Watcher” for those next to or in any type of water. **EYE TO EYE SUPERVISION** is the key to drowning prevention.
- Enclose your yard and pool with a self-closing, self-locking fence with vertical bars. Fence openings should be no more than 4 inches wide. Chandler requires that pools constructed after August 7, 1993 be provided with an interior barrier (at least 5 feet high) in addition to the exterior fencing requirements.
- Put self-closing, self-latching hardware on all doors leading from the house to the pool area.



- Keep furniture and toys away from the pool fence so that children cannot climb over it. Trim trees inside and outside of the fence so that children cannot use them to climb into the pool area.
- Keep toys and pets away from the pool; they can cause a child to fall or slip in the water and can draw children to the pool area without proper supervision.
- Keep basic lifesaving equipment (a pole, rope, or a life preserver) near the pool.
- Install a phone by the pool or keep a cordless phone nearby, so no one has to go inside to answer a call when watching someone in the pool. For an emergency call 9-1-1.
- Every caregiver should know CPR, cardio pulmonary resuscitation.
- Seconds Count, a swimming pool, pond, lake, canal, bathtub, toilet, or even a bucket of water can spell disaster for a child.