

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM POOL DROWNINGS

The weather's getting warmer, and many families are looking to the backyard or community pool for relief. Taking some basic precautions can greatly reduce the possibility of a child drowning.

The danger is illustrated by the fact that 1,200 children, 15 and under, drown each year in the United States. Moore Protection provides security systems that increase safety around many Southern California pools, like the Chime feature, which alerts you when doors to the pool area are opened. However, a security system cannot provide the constant supervision and basic precautions parents should take to protect children from drowning.

Here are some pool safety tips based on Moore Protection's experience as a leading residential security provider:

- <u>Always</u> supervise children playing in or near the pool.
- Teach all family members how to swim. Local organizations, such as the Red Cross or YMCA, can provide information on swimming lessons.
- Enclose pools with a fence equipped with a locking gate.
- Train all family members in CPR and first aid.
- Designate items that can be used for pool rescue—pool equipment, floats, throw rings and locate them nearby.
- Mark clearly the drop off from the pool's shallow end to the deep end by either painting a wide black line on the bottom or by installing a floating rope.
- Use only materials that are safe in or around the pool, such as plastic. Never use electrical items or glass.
- Do not store toys that children are particularly attached to near a pool. Children will follow toys into the pool should they fall in.
- Install child-proof latches on back doors.
- Use a clear pool cover so you can see if a child has somehow crawled under it.

By applying basic precautions, coupled with constant supervision, we can greatly decrease they likelihood of children drowning and still enjoy a cool summer.

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