

Water Safety

CHECKLIST

A few minutes of preparation keeps a lake day, pool visit, and backyard swim safer.

POOLS

- ☐ Pool is enclosed by a fence with a lockable gate
- ☐ Pool cover is functioning and in good condition
- ☐ Water is clear, bottom is visible, and the pool appears maintained
- ☐ Safety equipment is within reach, such as a reaching pole or ring buoy
- ☐ There is a place to store toys away from the water when swim time ends
- ☐ First aid kit is accessible, emergency numbers with address are posted
- ☐ An audible alarm system is in place and works properly

OPEN WATER

- ☐ Identify where lifeguards are when available and swim nearby
- ☐ Know surroundings, understand meaning of signs and flags in area
- ☐ Have children wear an approved life jacket that is properly fitted
- ☐ Keep first aid kit accessible, know emergency numbers and address
- ☐ Designate a water watcher to keep eyes on children in or near water
- ☐ Check the weather, be prepared for change in conditions
- ☐ Know how to spot and avoid rip currents