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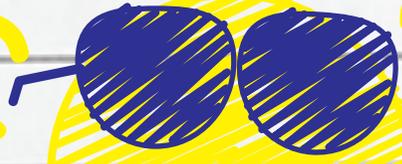
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Pool Safety



kids safety tips!

- always have a trusted adult nearby!
- don't run around the pool area!
- wait 30 minutes after eating to swim!
- don't splash anyone!
- don't dunk anyone underwater!
- wear sunblock!
- make fun rules with your parents about pool safety!

Mom/Dad!
your safety tips
are on the back!



#1 tip

HAVE FUN!



Parent safety tips!

Hundreds of young children drown every year in residential swimming pools. These are silent deaths where splashing and screaming to alert a parent or caregiver is unlikely to occur. Owners must construct and maintain barriers that will prevent young children from gaining access to pools. In accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, building and electrical permits are required in addition to rough in and final inspections before any swimming pool, spa, or hot tub can be installed and occupied. This includes inflatable, above ground, and in ground pools.

Building Regulations

- ☒ All doors and windows providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with an exit alarm.
- ☒ All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor.
- ☒ Gates that provide access to swimming pools must open outward away from the pool and be self-closing and equipped with a self-latching locking device. The release mechanism must be located on the pool side of the gate and placed so that it cannot be reached by a young child over the top or through any opening gap.
- ☒ The barrier may not have any gaps, openings, indentations, protrusions, or structural components that could allow a young child to crawl under, squeeze through, or climb over the barrier.
- ☒ The barrier must be at least four feet high on the outside.
- ☒ The barrier must be placed around the perimeter of the pool and be separate from any fence, wall, or other enclosure surrounding the yard. This is unless the fence, wall, or other enclosure is situated on the perimeter of the pool and is being used as part of the barrier and meets the barrier requirements listed.
- ☒ The structure of an above ground swimming pool may be used as its barrier or the barrier for such a pool may be mounted on top of its structure; however, such structure or separately mounted barrier must meet all barrier requirements listed. In addition, any ladder or steps that are the means of access to an above ground pool must be capable of being secured, locked, or removed to prevent access or must be surrounded by a barrier that meets the requirements of this section.
- ☒ A wall of a dwelling may serve as part of the barrier if it does not contain any door or window that opens to provide access to the swimming pool.
- ☒ Pools must have an entrapment prevention system. Anti-entrapment drain covers and fittings help prevent body or hair entrapment.

Parent safety tips!

Parents and caregivers must never leave a child alone or out of sight in or near the pool, spa, or hot tub – not even for a second. Most childhood drowning deaths occur when the parent or caregiver becomes distracted by the telephone, doorbell, or chore around the home. Contact 911 immediately if an emergency should occur. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to become trained in CPR and to enroll their child, ages 4+, in swim lessons. Children should wear arm floaties or inflatable vests while in the water for extra protection; remember, these are not life jackets and should never be substituted for adult supervision.

Any resident interested in constructing a pool, spa, or hot tub in their yard may contact the Moon Township Administration Office at 412-262-1700 with any questions. Building and electrical permits are required for all swimming pools that are designed to hold 24" or more of water, including storable or inflatable swimming pools. Check with the Moon Township Administration Office and obtain a permit before buying a swimming pool.