

Home Swimming Pool Safety Tips

Sheriff Fontoura's Home Swimming Pool Safety Tips

- Do not allow unattended children to play in the pool area.

- When pool is not in use with adult supervisor remove all toys, games and other objects your child may want from the vicinity of the pool.

- Keep lifesaving equipment, such as a pole, life preserver and rope, in the pool area.

- Do not place chairs or tables near the outside of pool fences as children can utilize these to climb into the pool area.

- Empty wading pools when not in use.

- A child may drown in as little as two inches of water.

- Regularly check that gate latches are secure & that spring mechanisms work properly.

- Post CPR instructions in the pool area.

- Teach your children how to swim

High Risk Profile for Pool Drowning Victims

- 60% are children, ages 6 months to 4 years old.

- 75% drown in their own swimming pool.

- 75% of the time the attributed cause is poor supervision or no pool barrier.

- In 77% of pool drownings, the child was out of sight for five minutes or less.