

The Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District would like to remind that pool safety is a family affair. Be sure to inspect your pool yearly to ensure that it is safest it can be.



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Home Pool Safety Checklist

Swimming Pool Fence

<i>Ensure your fence complies with current ordinances</i>	Yes	No	Follow-Up Action
All fence panels in place			
All fence panels securely attached			
Gaps or holes are less than 4 inches			
Distance between the bottom rail & ground is less than 4 inches			
Rusted, loose, or missing screws are replaced			
Fence is 4 sided with the house not being one of the sides			
Fence is at least 4 feet tall (5 feet preferred)			

Swimming Pool Gate

Gate swings back to closed position after being opened, self latching			
Gate latches and stays closed on first swing			
Gate is secure and does not open if a child bounces on bottom rail			
Gate is not able to be propped open			
The gap between the gate & the fence is less than 4 inches			

Around the Yard

Yard is free of objects to assist with climbing, such as chairs			
Toys are always removed from the pool & stored out of view			
Trees and shrubs near fence are trimmed low & do not assist in climbing			

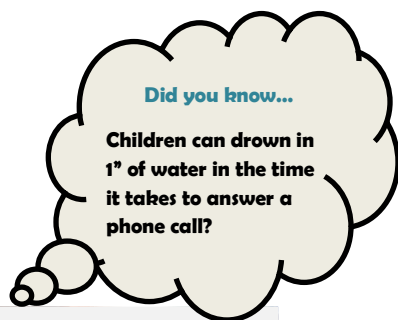
Pumps, Gates & Suction

Pool's suction fitting, plumbing grates are securely in place & in good condition			
Pool users/supervisors know where & how to switch off the pool/spa pump			
Swimmers must tie long hair up and may not wear loose clothing/jewelry			
Pool drain has large surface area & small openings			

Supervision

Constant adult supervision is used, not that of older children			
Touch Supervision is always used for children who cannot swim (arm's reach)			
During group gatherings, an adult is designated to be a Water Watcher (tag)			

Pool			
	Yes	No	Follow-Up Action
Ensure your fence complies with current ordinances			
"No Diving" areas are clearly marked			
Safety rules are posted & followed strictly			
Pool tiles & deck area are free of sharp edges, broken tiles			
Pool ladders, slides, diving boards are in good condition			
Above ground pool ladders are securely stored during non-swim times			
Portable pools are emptied when not in use			
Basic lifesaving equipment is visible, in good working condition			
Emergency Preparedness			
Family members have current CPR certifications			
First Aid kit stocked & placed at pool area			
Cell phone available in pool area when in use			
Hazardous Materials			
Pool chemicals are stored securely, out of view, & out of reach			
Protective equipment is available to handle chemicals			
Chemical containers used for mixing are cleaned to avoid vapors/mixing			
Safety directions on the label of pool chemicals are read prior to using			
Safety			
Have children taken swimming lessons			
Do they have the proper protection, life jacket or floaties, etc.			



BEST PRACTICE:
 Please be sure to inspect your home pool/spa once a year to ensure safer kids, safer water, and safer response in case of an emergency.

Disclaimer: This checklist does not substitute for a pool inspection and is for educational purposes only. Pool owners should consider securing a professional assessment of their pool's safety compliance to ensure we are keeping our little one's safe.