

ENCINITAS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Swimming Pool Safety Checklist

Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death in California for children under the age of five. Drowning is the "silent killer" because there is often no cry for help and little sound of splashing. There has been a steady increase in the number of drownings and near drownings reported involving residential and semi-public pools and spas.

- YES NO Is there an isolation fence (minimum five feet high with a maximum of four inch spacing) separating the pool/spa from any residence and/or play yards?
- YES NO Is the fence maintained in good working order without any openings, sagging or loose fittings?
- YES NO Are all gates self-closing and self-latching?
- YES NO Are all gates leading to the pool/spa area closed and latched?
- YES NO Are the gates locked when the pool/spa is not in use?
- YES NO Are all gates maintained in good working order without any openings, sagging or loose fittings?
- YES NO Do all gates leading to the pool/spa area consistently self-close from a minimum distance of six inches?
- YES NO Are all doors and windows leading to pool/spa area secured?
- YES NO Have all items that might be utilized for climbing been removed from the area surrounding the pool/spa isolation fence? (including tree branches)
- YES NO Is there a telephone available pool side?
- YES NO Is there an emergency 9-1-1 sticker with the property address attached to the pool side telephone?
- YES NO Are all pool chemicals safely stored away from children's reach?
- YES NO Is all rescue equipment visible, well maintained and easily accessible?
- YES NO Are all toys removed from the pool area when not in use?
- YES NO Are children allowed access to the pool/spa without adult caretakers present? Is there a sign present indicating that no lifeguard is on duty and children **must** be supervised by adult caretaker?
- YES NO Is there a life line present separating the deep and shallow areas of the pool?
- YES NO Are pool/spa covers in use? Are solar covers completely removed when pool is in use?
- YES NO Is the spa temperature regulated below 107 degrees to avoid burns and/or heat prostration especially for small children and the elderly?
- YES NO Is the minimum pool depth 9 feet if a diving board is in use?

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