



## **Water Safety Tips courtesy of the “Simple Steps Save Lives” Program**

1. Staying close, being alert and watching children in and around the pool
  - Never leave a child unattended in a pool or spa and always watch your child when he or she is in or near water
  - Teach children basic water safety tips
  - Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments
  - Have a telephone close by when you or your family is using a pool or spa
  - If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first
  - Share safety instructions with family, friends and neighbors
2. Learning and practicing water safety skills
  - Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim
  - Learn to perform CPR on children and adults and update those skills regularly
  - Understand the basics of life-saving so that you can assist in a pool emergency
3. Having appropriate equipment for your pool or spa
  - Install a four-foot or taller fence around the pool and spa and use self-closing and self-latching gates; ask your neighbors to do the same at their pools
  - Install and use a lockable safety cover on your spa.
  - If your house serves as a fourth side of a fence around a pool, install door alarms and always use them. For additional protection, install window guards on windows facing pools or spas.
  - Install pool and gate alarms to alert you when children go near the water
  - Ensure any pool and spa you use has compliant drain covers and ask your pool service provider if you don't know.

- Maintain pool and spa covers in good working order
- Consider using a surface wave or underwater alarm

For more tips for pool and spa owners, visit [PoolSafely.gov](https://www.poolsafely.gov)