Safeguarding Your Swimming Pool

A swimming pool can be a fun and entertaining addition to your home; however, pools pose a potential threat to the safety of your family, friends and neighbors. We offer the following precautionary measures to help you safeguard your pool:

General Safety Measures

- Enclose your swimming pool or yard with a fence that includes self-locking and self-closing gates.
- Keep all doors that lead to the pool locked at all times.
- Consider equipping your pool with a flotation alarm that will signal if someone or something accidentally falls in the water.
- When not in regular use, keep your swimming pool covered.
- Clearly identify the shallow and deep ends of your swimming pool.
- Keep toys away from the pool that may entice children and keep all lawn furniture away from the fence to prevent children from climbing over it.
- Never leave a child unattended around water. Keep your eyes on your child at all times or designate an adult supervisor.
- Do not rely only on flotation devices and/or swimming lessons to protect children. Proper supervision is always necessary.
- If possible, always have a telephone near the pool and know your local emergency telephone numbers or 911. Encourage your family to take CPR lessons.
- Be aware of your local weather conditions and never go swimming during thunderstorms.
- If a child is missing, check the pool first. Seconds count.