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Water Safety Checklist

Yes No NA

Are your children supervised around water?

Yes No NA

Are hot tubs or pools at your home properly barricaded from children? (Fences should stand at least 4 feet high with no foot or handrails for kids to climb on; the slats should be less than 4 inches apart so a child can't get through; gates should be self-closing and self-latching, and the latch should be out of kids' reach).

Yes No NA

Are flotation devices Coast-Guard approved and properly fitted? (For children younger than 5 years old, choose a vest with a strap between the legs and head support – the collar will keep the child's head up and face out of the water. Inflatable vests and arm devices such as water wings are not effective protection from drowning).

Yes No NA

Do infants, toddlers, and weak swimmers have an adult swimmer within arm's reach to provide "touch supervision"?

Yes No NA

Are toys and objects that may attract children kept out of the water when not in use?

Yes No NA

Are there life saving devices near the pool such as a hook, pole, or flotation device?

Yes No NA

Are pool chemicals kept away from heat sources and out of the reach of children?

Yes No NA

Is the property free from containers of water or other fluid left uncovered or accessible to a child (i.e., inflatable "kiddie pool", buckets, etc.)?

Yes No NA

Are you aware of where the water hazards in your neighborhood are? (i.e., neighboring pools, spas, retaining ponds, creeks, rivers)

Yes No NA

When swimming in open waters such as rivers or ponds, do you warn your children about uneven surfaces, river currents, and changing weather?

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