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Important Safety Information



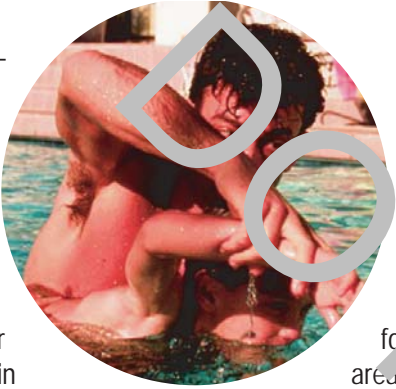
Responsible adult supervision is mandatory at all times.

Ask an FSPA professional for a safety evaluation of your swimming pool or spa and its environment.

Your pool, spa, or hot tub service provider, together with other members of FSPA, have prepared this "Checklist" to help make your pool, spa or hot tub as safe as possible. We want you to always enjoy your product, and as professionals, we know that your enjoyment begins with safe equipment and safe use. In addition to adults closely watching children, "layers of protection" help enhance safety.

Responsible Adult Supervision –

An adult must constantly watch children in the pool, spa or hot tub environment even if they know how to swim.



Drains, Suction Fittings, and

Jets – Current grates and covers help prevent body or hair entrapment. Make sure that drain covers meet the ANSI/ASME A112.19.8-2007 standard (compliant with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act). Safety doors should be installed in all pool cleaner wall suction lines. Pools, spas or hot tubs with drain covers that are broken, missing or not adequately secured should not be used until the proper replacement has been installed.

Diving – Any diving board, rock, platform or slide should be inspected prior to use to affirm that its installation conforms with applicable industry standards and government regulations.

Electrical Hazards – A licensed electrician, experienced in swimming pools and hot tubs, should inspect your equipment to make sure everything is properly grounded, bonded, and protected by proper GFCI circuits according to Article 680 of the National Electric Code.

Ladders, Steps and Handrails – Make sure there are adequate safe-entry and safe-exit methods at both ends of the pool and two sides of the hot tub or spa.

Drowning Prevention – Install and routinely inspect fences, self-closing and latching gates, baby barrier fences and alarms. ASTM standards identify four types of pool alarms: one detects movement of the surface water, one measures sub-surface pressure waves, one monitors the perimeter using a laser, and one is a personal immersion alarm that is locked onto a child's wrist. There are also alarms for doors and gates leading to the pool or hot tub area. Learn CPR. Purchase cordless phones, life rings, shepherd hooks, and lockable safety covers that meet the ASTM International F1346-1 (2003) Safety Standard.

Water Clarity – Clear water aids in identifying soakers and swimmers in distress, helps swimmers avoid collisions and is an indicator that the sanitizer, circulation and filtration systems are functioning properly. Poor water clarity suggests the presence of bacteria, mold, algae, and that the circulation and filtration systems may not be working efficiently to remove contaminants from the water.

Water Chemistry – Proper water chemistry begins with regular sanitization and chemical balancing. FSPA professionals can ensure that your pool, spa and hot tub water is properly and safely balanced for your enjoyment and protection of your investment.

Heaters – Have a licensed technician make sure your heater is adequately bonded and ventilated. All hot tub, spa and pool heaters that are UL- or ETL-listed are designed with features to prevent overheating.

Indoor Installations – Pools, spas, and hot tubs located indoors must comply with ANSI/ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers) standard 62.1-2004 to ensure adequate ventilation and safe use.

Free Water Safety Brochures – You can obtain water safety information by visiting www.FloridaPoolPro.com or by calling 866-930-FSPA. For information about the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act go to www.poolsafety.gov.

Water Safety for Children – Kids can find games and activities on www.SplashZoneUSA.com to learn about safe water behavior.

Warning Signs – Protect your family and guests. Make sure that all warning signs provided by the manufacturer, builder, or installer are displayed according to the manufacturers' specifications.

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