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WATER SAFETY REMINDER FROM THE FLORIDA SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

(SARASOTA, Fla.) March 21, 2017– Water safety is an important topic year-round in Florida. In light of recent news stories in Bradenton, the Florida Swimming Pool Association (FSPA) wants to remind everyone about pool safety.

Multiple preventative safety measures should be in place such as locks, alarms, barriers/ fences and certified safety covers. Barriers should be at least four feet tall and any gaps or openings should be too small for a child to crawl through or under. Other safety devices include door and window alarms, detection alarms around/ in the pool (there are several different types), personal immersion alarms for a child or pet, life rings and shepherd hooks. If you realize your child is missing the first place you need to look is the pool.

Below are some additional safety tips.

- Enroll children in swimming lessons – survival classes can start as early as six months old.
- When near the water, watch children with constant, undivided attention.
- Appoint a designated pool watcher to keep an eye on swimmers at all times.
- Learn CPR and keep emergency phone numbers posted in the pool area.
- Never swim alone.
- Do not leave anything near the fence that a child could use to climb over it.
- Do not use a pool or spa while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

For additional pool rules and safety tips please contact the Florida Swimming Pool Association.

The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 700 member businesses in 16 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, and an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors.

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