

## *Why we created this pamphlet*

5 to 20 % of children surviving near drowning suffer severe and permanent disability.

**5,000** Canadian children aged 14 and under are hospitalized each year due to near-drownings.

Of all preschoolers who drown, **70 percent** are in the care of **one or both parents**

A swimming pool is **14 times** more likely than a motor vehicle to be involved in the death of a child age 4 and under.



Fence the pool  
Shut the gate

Teach your kids to swim – it's great!  
Supervise- watch your mate  
Learn to resuscitate.

### For more information:

<http://www.lifesaving.ca>

<http://www.babyswimming.com/Safety.htm>

<http://www.poolsafety.ca/safety.php>

### For information on local bylaws:

<http://www.city.kamloops.bc.ca/building/swimmingpoolnotice.shtml>

Kamloops Injury Prevention Network

## BACKYARD POOL SAFETY

*Working Together to Promote  
Community Safety*



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**Please read this pamphlet to help save a child's life.**

### Top Ten Ways to Keep Children Safe

#1 **Never** leave children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment. Casualties can occur in a split second.

#2 A fence **must** be used to enclose the pool completely. Most young children who drown in pools wander out of the house and fall into the pool. Install a fence at least 1.5 metres high around all four sides of the pool. This fence will completely separate the pool from the house and play area of the yard.

#3 Use gates that self-close and self-latch, with latches **higher** than your children's reach.

#4 A **power safety pool cover** that meets the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) adds to the protection of your children but should not be used in place of the fence between your house and the pool.

#5 Keep **rescue equipment** (such as a shepherd's hook or life preserver) and a telephone by the pool.

#6 Do not let children use air-filled "swimming-aids" as a substitute for approved life vests. Life vests cannot replace adult supervision.

#7 **Anyone** watching young children around a pool should learn CPR and be able to rescue a child if needed. Stay within an arm's length of children.

#8 **Remove** all toys from the pool after use so children aren't tempted to reach for them.

#9 Once the children are done swimming, **secure** the pool so they cannot get back into it.

#10 **Ensure that the pool is in clear view from the house, and not obstructed by plants, canopies, solid fences, or darkness.** This is not so that you can watch your swimmers from the house; rather to ensure that the pool is not in use when it is not supposed to be.

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