

POOL SAFETY

A POOL SAFETY BOOKLET

This handbook shows you the safe way to use your above-ground pool for enjoyable years of healthy family entertainment. Share all safety rules with family and guests before they use the pool.



IMPORTANT:

The “No Diving” and other Warning signage provided must be installed on each pool as indicated in the instructions provided.

NOTE:

In some photos of the pools in the brochure (or website), the “No Diving” and other Warning signage may not be visible, such Warning Signage must be installed as indicated in the instructions provided.



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PLAY IT SAFE WITH THE 6 RULES OF POOL SAFETY!

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- T** **easing, roughhousing and horseplay do not belong in the pool area!** Do not allow anyone to climb, sit or stand on the top rails of the pool. Play safe games. Be courteous and careful.
- Y** **ou should not permit alcohol or drugs at your pool.** Keep anyone who is under the influence away from the pool area.

Share **S-A-F-E-T-Y** with family and friends. Teach young children the 6 rules of pools safety immediately!
Shallow is when the water is under your chin. **Deep** is when the water is over your head.

ALWAYS THINK “SAFETY FIRST” AND SHARE YOUR WISDOM!



SWIM AND WADE ONLY!

Above-ground swimming pools are designed for swimming and wading only. Above-ground pools are shallow. **Diving or jumping is prohibited** and is product misuse. Do not use slides, diving boards, or any other platform or object which can be used for improper pool entry. Only use an above-ground pool ladder or staircase to enter or exit your pool. **Never attempt to swim or reach behind ladders or any other pool entry system.** It is the pool owner's **RESPONSIBILITY** to secure your pool against unauthorized, unsupervised, or unintentional entry.

Remember, pool misuse can result in serious injury and/or be dangerous to life and health. Always obey and enforce safety rules. Above-ground swimming pools are intended to provide many hours of enjoyment. Sensible use of the product is key to safety. The pool owner must supervise the pool's safe use, operation and maintenance.



ADULT SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS REQUIRED!

Accidents do not take holidays. As a pool owner, you have a duty of care to all persons who use your pool. Adult supervision is the key element in getting maximum, safe enjoyment from your pool. One individual must assume primary responsibility for supervising the pool. The pool supervisor must study the contents of the booklet and be thoroughly familiar with all facets of the safe operation and maintenance of the pool. He or she must take responsibility for communicating pool safety information to all persons who enter the pool area. Designate a back up for times when the primary supervisor is unavailable.

A child left alone in the backyard for a moment can be serious. An accident can only take seconds. There is no substitute for adult supervision.



TIPS TO REMEMBER:

- **Keep your child by your side!** If you must leave the backyard, even for one moment, take your child with you. One lapse in attention can spell tragedy. Don't take the chance.
- **Remove toys from the pool when it's not in use.** Floating toys attract youngsters. Your child can easily fall into the pool trying to retrieve a toy. Don't allow children to play with toys having sharp edges because they could cut the liner and cause the pool to rupture. Serious personal injury could occur!
- **Be especially alert for potential drowning accidents if you use any lightweight, floating pool covers** (i.e. solar or insulating covers). No one should walk or crawl on them. The pool should never be used when these covers are in use because you may become entrapped. Always completely remove any cover before using your pool. Never swim under the cover. Drain any standing water from the surface of your pool. Even a small amount of water may be sufficient for a small child to drown.
- **Do not allow children to play on the pool deck.** A pool deck is not a safe play area. Teach your child to stay away from the pool until you (or another adult) can be there.
- **Do not rely on plastic inner tubes, inflatable armbands or other toys to prevent accidents.**
- **Keep doors and gates locked.** Doors opening to the backyard and unlocked gates give children a fast, easy track to the pool when your back is turned. Watch all entries to the pool and make sure they are locked.
- **Remove vegetation and other obstacles to assure a clear view of the pool from the house.** Teach your children to swim!



TIPS TO REMEMBER CONT.

- **Maintain a clear zone around the perimeter of the pool.** Do not place objects (chairs, table or equipment) near the pool barrier because a child or youngster could climb them to gain access to the pool.



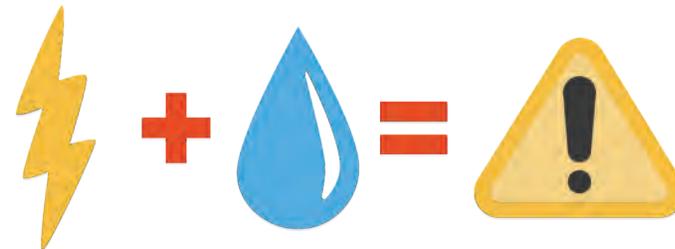
- **Keep lifesaving equipment next to the pool.** These items should remain stationary and not be misplaced.
- **Do not permit playful screaming for help or false alarms, which might mask a real emergency.**
- **Never leave children with caretakers or supervisors unless they are capable and responsible in the pool environment.** All supervisors must read the safety rules and be informed.
- **Comply with fencing rules and recommendations.** Some states require pool fencing. A pool fence will deter unsupervised children from access to the pool. Locked exterior fencing around the entire pool is strongly recommended.

FIRST TIME POOL USERS RUN THE HIGHEST RISK OF INJURY!

Before pool users enter, inform them of the safety rules. These rules should be clearly communicated and understood by all persons, who use your pool. Consistently enforce the safety rules. Inform family and guests who come to enjoy your pool of the safety rules that you have established.

ELECTRICITY AND WATER ARE A FATAL MIX!

Consult with a licensed electrician for help in equipping your pool area correctly for electricity. The license electrician should be aware of any local electrical codes that apply in your area, and ensure that your pool equipment is installed to conform to the National Electrical Code (NEC) for pools and related equipment. Contract with a license electrician to make sure that your entire outside electrical lines are protected by ground fault interrupters (GFCI's), which are designed to protect against hazards of electrical shock. Stay out of the pool during lightning or rainstorms because there is a possibility of electrocution from lightning hitting the water. Please refer to your owner's guide for more details about safely operating your pump and filter.



TEASING, ROUGHHOUSING AND HORSEPLAY DON'T BELONG IN THE POOL AREA.

Games that may appear safe sometimes are not. Encourage and supervise the use of good pool games and toys. Prohibit horseplay, especially throwing or pushing someone into a pool. Prohibit any diving activity. Do not allow running on the pool deck, as injuries may occur from slips and falls. No one should sit, lean or stand on pool top rails or fence rails. Deck must have a slip-resistant surface, such as synthetic turf or similar textured surface. Contact dealers for material and color selections.

Install a deck pool ladder for entry and exit from the pool. Keep deck clean and clear of objects that someone could trip over or step on resulting in injury.

Check regularly for signs of wear or loose bolts that could make your ladder or deck a safety risk. Follow local codes for deck construction. Follow manufacturer's instructions for installation. Instruct pool users about proper use of pool ladders and stairs. Allow only one person at a time on the ladder. Never allow anyone to dive or jump from the ladder. If you cannot lock your ladder away when not in use, remove it from the pool when pool is not in use. Remember, locked exterior fencing around all four sides of the pools is strongly recommended and could be mandatory depending on your city codes. Check your city code for guidelines.

YOU SHOULD NOT PERMIT ALCOHOL OR DRUGS AT YOUR POOL.

Use of alcohol or drugs do not mix with pool activities. Persons who have been drinking alcohol should not be allowed in the pool, and should be carefully supervised in the area of the pool. Alcohol and certain drugs act as depressants. They can "slow you down". Alcohol can instill false courage; leading people to try things they normally would not. Prescription medicines can sometimes cause drowsiness or have other side effects. If you are taking prescription medicine, check with your doctor before using the pool. Many people believe that they have to drink a lot to be affected by alcohol. Alcohol in just one or two drinks can affect your judgment even though you don't feel or appear to be drunk. The effects of alcohol are a major contributor to pool accidents. Supervise your pool activities.



SAFETY DECALS

Supplied with your pool are various safety decals. Be sure to place the “safety” decals as directed. These safety decals will remind your family and friends to be careful around your pool. Pool owners have a duty of care for the safety of their guests. If you jump into the pool, you could seriously injure your back, neck or hurt others. If you dive into the pool, you could hit your head on the bottom or side, sustaining a spinal cord injury and be paralyzed from the neck down for the rest of your life! A number of people who ignored these rules and chose to dive are now paralyzed! The facts show that many of these were experienced divers. Don't let this happen to you. **Do not dive or jump.** Practice safety first. Remember, it is the responsibility of the parent, caretaker and pool owner to prevent accidents. Supervise your pool! You have been provided with the following decals:

1. Large “Warning: No Diving” sign
2. “Warning: No Diving” decals
3. Transparent Top Rail decals
4. “Deeper Area” (expandable liner only), “Shallow 3-1/2 feet” and “Shallow 3-3/4 feet” decals
5. Safety Booklet / Video

Safety decals and caution information provided with your pool have been endorsed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The safety decals are a vital element of your pool package and must be installed as part of the installation. **It is mandatory that the pool owner and installer follow the installation and use directions for all provided safety signs and decals.** Juveniles must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult as directed by the USCPSC.



“WARNING” SIGN



The large warning sign should be placed on the outer pool wall closest to the ladder and visible by everyone upon entry to the pool. An additional large warning sign is supplied for placement on a fence or wall close to pool entry.

Remember to write the telephone number of the rescue squad, an ambulance company, the police, the fire department, or other appropriate agency in the gray block at the bottom of the sign. Make the numbers large and easy to read. Use a permanent black marker.

SAFETY SIGN LOCATIONS

On the Pool Wall



On a Fence or Wall

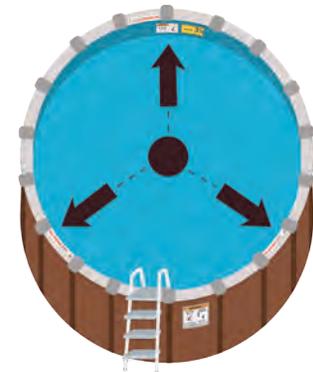
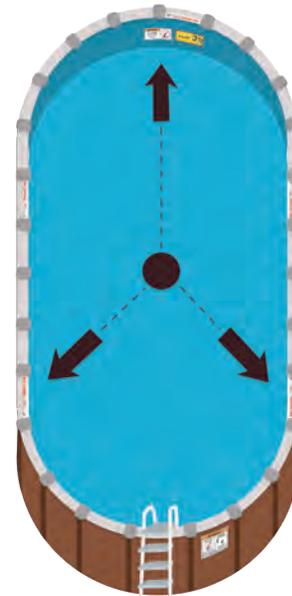


NO DIVING DECALS

You should have three (3) of the small no diving decals. Place them on the pool liner so that you can easily see them from any point in the pool.

To put the decals on:

1. Make sure that the liner above the water level is clean and dry so that the decals will stick properly.
2. Stand at the point of entry at your pool. The first decal will go directly across from you.
3. Use a ruler to measure 4 inches from the top of the pool liner where it contacts the top rail. The bottom edge of each decal should be 4 inches from the top rail. The bottom of the decal should be above the high water line.
4. Peel off the paper from the back of each decal and press the decal firmly against the liner.
5. Think of your pool as a pie divided in 3 equal pieces. If the first decal is at the end of one dividing line, put the other 2 decals you have left at the end of the other two dividing lines.



TOP RAIL DECALS

The Top Rail Warning Labels should be placed along the top rail of the pool so that they are visible upon entry. Round pools require three (3) of these warning labels. Oval pools require five (5). **These warning labels are not to be removed or covered under any circumstances.**

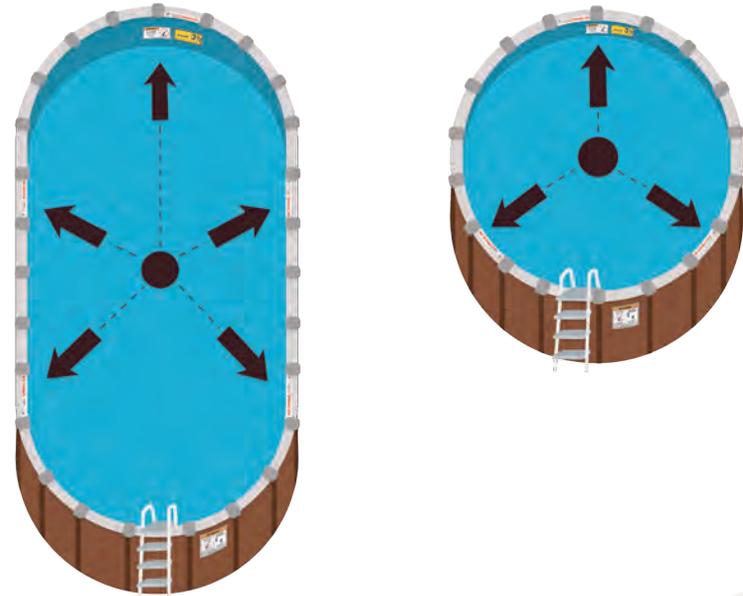
To put the decals on:

1. The warning decal will need to be applied to the center of the top rail and make sure the surface is dry and clean.
2. Peel off the paper from the back of each decal align the bottom edge of the decal, with the “560-1070” number towards the bottom, with the inside edge of the top rail.
3. Press the decal firmly against the top rail, making sure to not wrinkle the decal.
4. Carefully fold the decal over the top rail and press firmly against the top rail, making sure to not wrinkle the decal.
5. Press out any bubbles, making sure decal is firmly applied to the top rail. Repeat process until all decals have been applied.

Outside edge / “Sky Side” of Top Rail



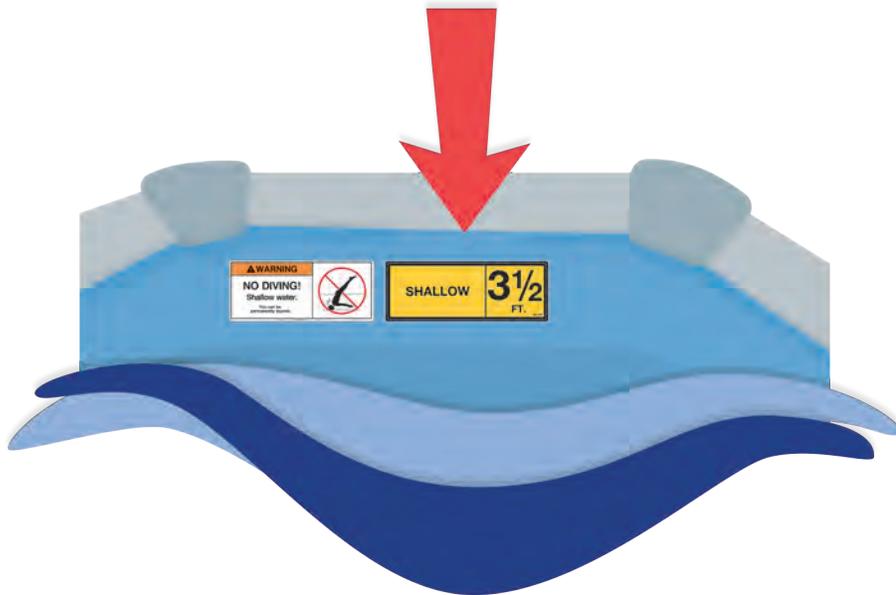
Inside edge / “Water Side” of Top Rail



SHALLOW DECALS - 3½ FT. OR 3¾ FT.



Provided with your pool are two (2) different shallow decals: 3-1/2 ft. and 3-3/4 ft. There are three each of these decals. To determine which one to use you need to know whether your pool has a wall height of 48" or 52". If your wall height is 48" use the 3-1/2 ft. decal and for the 52" use the 3-3/4 ft. They need to be placed on the pool liner to the right side of the no diving decals. Follow the stated instructions above and place the shallow decals to the right of the no diving decals.

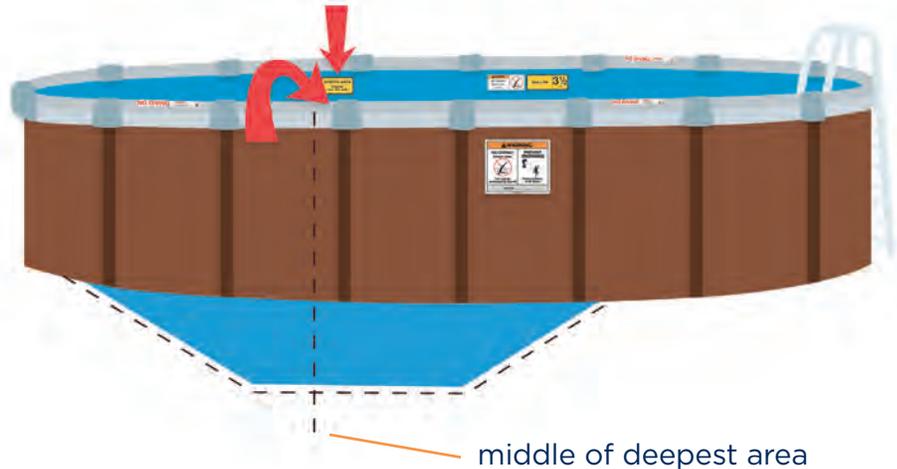


DEEPER AREA DECALS

If your pool has a deeper area for swimming, you will have two of these decals. Deeper area decals are provided to advise that the adjacent area may be too deep for young children. Remember, even with a Deep Swim Area "Do Not Dive or Jump!"

To put the decals on:

1. Draw an imaginary line across the middle of the deepest area of your pool. The deeper area decals will go at each end of the line. Do not put the decals at the point where the water starts to get deeper.
2. Be sure the line is clean and dry and the bottom edge of each decal is 4 inches from the top rail.
3. Peel off the paper from the back of each decal and press the decal firmly against the liner.





DROWNING PREVENTION TIPS

Drowning prevention information is for you because only by increased awareness and effort can the alarming statistics of drowning be reduced.

Drowning is one of the most common causes of accidental death for children under the age of five. Adult supervision is the key to avoiding this accident.

Be careful and remember to have a supervisor at your pool at all times. Children are naturally attracted to swimming pools and associated pool toys. To prevent drowning and other serious injuries, you must keep children away from pools and all bodies of water in the absence of adult supervision. A telephone near the pool area will provide quicker access to a medical facility in case of an emergency. Never leave a child alone out of supervisory eye contact in or near the pool-not even for a second.

If your "Warning" pool sign or decals become damaged or defaced so the warnings cannot be read contact us for a free replacement.

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INSTALLATION OF THESE SIGNS AT YOUR POOL IS MANDATORY!



WARNING!

There is no substitute for competent adult supervision in the swimming pool environment!

Lives depend on you!
PLAY IT SAFE!





IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:



1. Dial the local emergency telephone numbers (911, or the appropriate 7-digit number for emergency medical service (EMS, fire or police). It is advisable to have a telephone near the pool area. Write in your local emergency telephone number below:

RESCUE: _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

2. Give your Name, Location, and Telephone number that you are calling from.
3. Tell what happened and how many people need help.
4. Don't hang up the phone until after the emergency person does.
5. Adults in the family should be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). CPR is the combination of rescue breathing for victims of respiratory or cardiac arrest as a result of drowning, heart attack or other causes. CPR training is available through the local chapters of the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

**NEVER LEAVE A CHILD ALONE IN OR NEAR
A POOL OR ANY OTHER BODY OF WATER!**



The six rules of pool safety are so important that we ask you to read them one more time. Please keep these rules and refer to them frequently. They are our first and last words on the most important subject in this booklet:

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Congratulations on being an above-ground pool owner. Thank you for your patronage. We know you will enjoy many good years of relaxation and entertainment in your pool. We are pleased to be of service to you and your family.

A pool professional or your local pool dealer may easily solve special pool problems. Please contact our authorized pool dealer for replacement parts for your pool. We are sure you will receive quality service and prompt attention.



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