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Be Safe Having Fun in the Water



Pool/Water Safety!

Summer! The time for fun in the sun and water. That water can be a pool, lake or pond, river, or at the beach. Below are some safety tips and reminders for everyone - young and old.

Safety Tips

Never leave children unattended near water. Even if the child can swim, someone must be watching them. Anything can happen.

Learn to swim. Enroll children in swimming lessons. If you have children, you should know how to swim as well.

Stay away from drains. All drains are dangerous - pool cleaning drains, large drains around lakes or ponds, drains or run-off collections for rainwater, pipes, etc. Especially during or right after heavy rains, make sure your children know not to play around them. If the pool is yours, make sure the drains are covered correctly.



Hurricane Facts

Floaties! Pool toys are much more than toys. Make sure what you get for you and your children to play with is safe - not too big so they slide off, are too heavy to handle, or have ropes the child can become tangled in.

Install locks on pool gates. Children love playing in the water. If you have a pool, make sure they can't get to the water. Think about fences around your pool. You can even get an alarm to alert you if the gate is opened.

Use lifeguards. If you can't swim, make sure you are near a lifeguard.

Limit loose clothing and long hair. Tie up or cut off extra long ties from bathing suits. Put long hair up so it's not loose and able to be caught by the suction of a drain or entangled in any toys. Be prepared to cut anything that does get caught.

Swim buddies. If your child is a weak swimmer or needs floaties to stay above water an adult should be within arm's reach of that child at all times.

Have a first aid kit handy. You never know what can happen. Water is slippery, especially for children running on the side of a pool.

Critters, Pets

Critter Ramps. We've seen them on TV - those cute little ramps that hang on the side of a pool that gives critters (like frogs) an easy way to get out of the pool. That's actually a good idea. Not only for the humanity of saving the critters, but if they get out on their own you don't have to try and chase them down and get them out.

Your own pets. Watch your own pets as well. Make sure the gates are closed so they can't get into the water.

Combined information sources: swimuniversity.com and poolsafety.gov.

to November 30th.

Hurricanes, Cyclones and Typhoons are the same type of storm.

Hurricanes occur in the Atlantic and Northeast Pacific Ocean.

Typhoons occur in the Northwest Pacific.

Wind speeds usually top 74 mph. And are measured by the Saffir-Simpson scale. Category 1 - weakest. Category 5 - most powerful.

Hurricanes rotate around a circular center called the "eye", where it is generally calm with no clouds. Surrounding the eye is the eye wall - the most dangerous part of the hurricane with the strongest winds, thickest clouds and heaviest rain!

In the northern hemisphere hurricanes rotate in an anti-clockwise direction. This is due to what's called the Coriolis Force, produced by the Earth's rotation.

Hurricanes are named by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) so that they can be distinguished. Each year, tropical storms are named in alphabetical order according to a list produced by the WMO. The names can only be repeated after six years.

Source: RedCross.org and NatGeoKids.com

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