

Though splashing and diving is carefree fun, owning a backyard pool comes with serious responsibilities, too. Whether adhering to poolside party safety tips or ensuring adequate supervision, there are many general safety precautions you can take to make sure your friends and family enjoy your pool safely.

Don't swim for at least 30 minutes if you hear thunder or see lightning.

Install a fence with self-locking and selfclosing gates to completely isolate your pool from your house and the areas around it.

Don't leave your children or guests alone — in an emergency, they may require your assistance.

Teach pool rules to your children and guests, and post them in a highly visible location.

Don't stick your fingers in grates and filters.

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