



Making a Splash – Backyard Pools & Safety

Backyard swimming pools are a wonderful way of spending those hot days with your family and friends!! Although a pool is Fun, Fun, Fun, it can also be dangerous. We would like to **encourage** our residents to follow strict safety guidelines so your pool will provide hours of enjoyment and relief from the summer heat.

Safety First Tips

- Check with City Hall to ensure you are following the rules for putting a fence around your pool Trees, Shrubs and Fences Bylaw 16/2000 Section 3(a)

Fences - Swimming Pools

All outdoor under-ground swimming pools and above-ground swimming pools at least 100 cm in height shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall that is at least one point eight (1.8) metres in height, designed and constructed to discourage unauthorized entry by a locked gate, for use in the event of an emergency, which can be opened with a key in the possession of the operator.

- *Keep the gate locked at all times when unsupervised*
- *Have lifejackets for the little ones*
- *Keep lifesaving equipment and first aid kits close by and handy*
- *Remove chairs, ladders, toys or other items that children can climb up on to get into the pool*
- *Post signs*

Most of all have FUN! And remember we as a community have a responsibility to keep our children safe.

Did you know?

According to the Red Cross Facts & Figures dated May 24, 2013...

72% of Backyard Pool Drowning in Canada occur in pools that have no fence, or that have a fence that doesn't meet bylaw standards