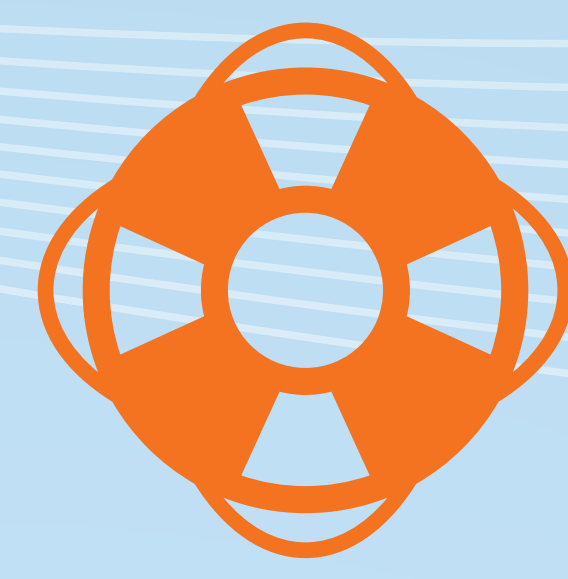




# Family Pool Safety

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Outline the importance of pool safety for babysitters and other guardians



**Have family rules** for your pool, ensure everyone knows them, and restate them often

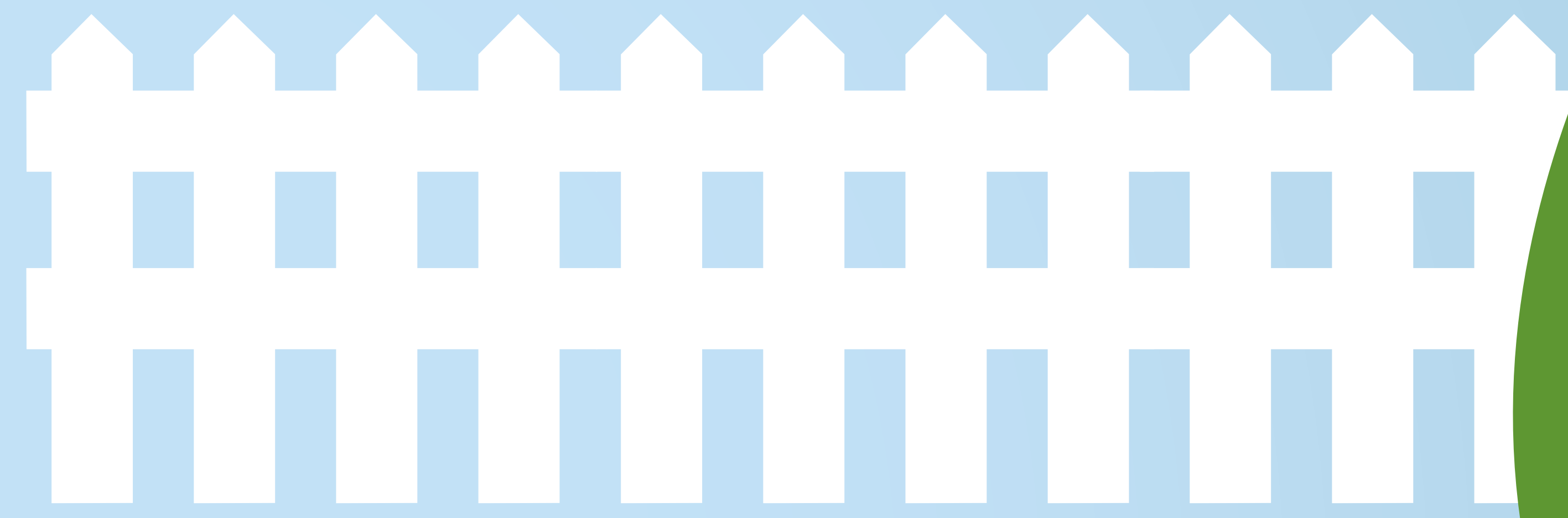


**Keep children away** from the filter inlet, which can be hazardous to young children by drawing them underwater



**Teach your children to swim** and encourage them to wear protective floatation devices, but never rely solely on floatation devices or swimming lessons to protect your child

**Install fencing** to keep people out of the pool area without your knowledge.



Most communities require fencing at least four feet high around all sides of the pool. Determine specific regulations for your area.



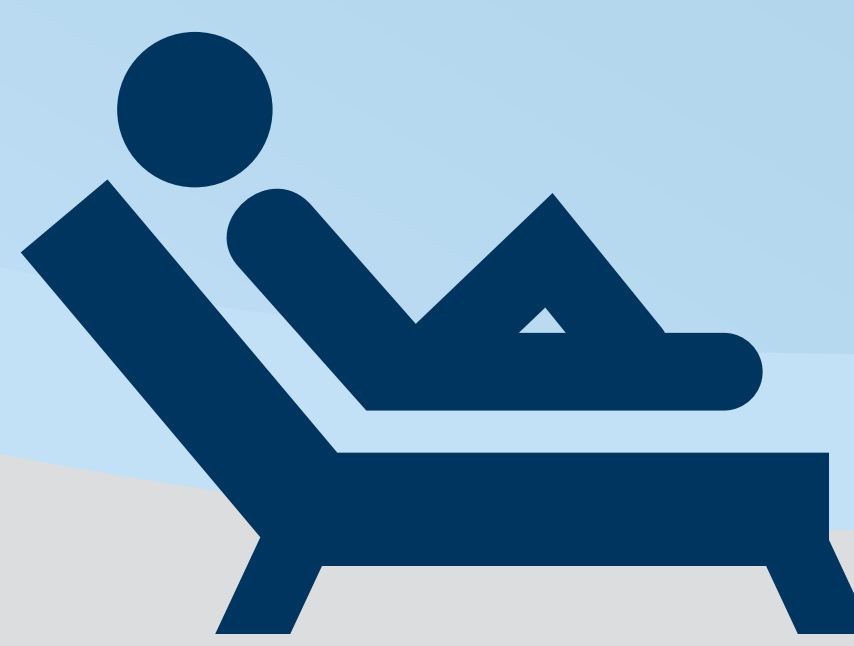
**Evacuate the pool** in the rain or an electrical storm

# DON'T



**DON'T:** swim alone

**DON'T:** allow glass or sharp, breakable items in the pool area



**DON'T:** leave children unattended, even for a minute, in or near the pool area for any reason. 70% of drowning victims were out of sight for less than five minutes

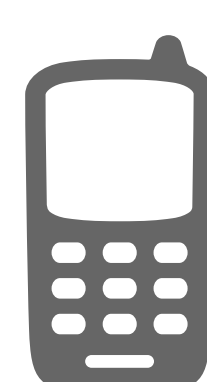


**DON'T:** allow running, diving, pushing or dunking in your pool



**DON'T:** allow adults who have been drinking alcohol into the pool area. Alcohol and swimming don't mix.

## Pool Safety Checklist



Have a cell phone in the pool area and post 9-1-1 and other emergency numbers nearby **9-1-1**



Remove vegetation, tables, chairs and toys so that children cannot move next to a fence to climb into a pool area



Collect all toys from the pool at end of each day so that children don't wander after them



When leaving the pool area, make sure all gates, safety covers and alarms are working properly



Make sure at least one adult supervisor in the pool area knows CPR

