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Water safety is an important topic this time of year. One of the many aspects of water safety is supervision. When children are swimming or playing anywhere near the water it is vital to have an adult assigned to watching them. Whether it is an inground pool, a lake, an aboveground pool, the beach or a small, blowup kiddie pool, a responsible adult must be in charge. It only takes a second for something to go wrong.

The adult assigned as the pool watcher should not become distracted by other activities, the phone ringing or involved conversations. Their eyes should be on the children nonstop. If they need to go inside for any period of time, they should assign another adult to watch them or get everyone out of the water.

Even when everyone is inside, watching your children can make all the difference. Children can quickly figure out how to get outside and water can pique their interest. For this reason, it is also important to set up layers of protection. Locks, alarms, barriers and safety covers are some of the items that can help.

Children can be curious, creative and innovative. Adult supervision is necessary for safety in and out of the water.

- Have a designated pool watcher to keep an eye on swimmers at all times
- Learn CPR
- Keep your safety barriers and layers of protection in place at all times
- Never swim alone, this means adults too
- Do not use a pool/ spa while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Do not use glass containers around the pool
- Keep the pool area well lit if swimming after dark
- Go in at the first sign of thunderstorms
- No running or rough play
- No diving in shallow water and always steer your dive up
- Never stand or play on a pool cover
- Read and follow the labels and instructions when using and storing pool chemicals
- Keep emergency phone numbers posted in the pool area
- Do not leave toys near a pool, they can attract children
- Do not leave objects near the fence that a child could climb over
- Learn to swim

Consumers can find information and search for members in their area by visiting [www.FloridaPoolPro.com](http://www.FloridaPoolPro.com). The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 600 member businesses in 16 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors.

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