

# Making your pool area safer

Keep chemicals out of reach of children



Set up a safety post with ring buoy, shepherd's crook and other safety equipment



Pool gate should be 54 inches tall with self-closing hinges and self-locking latches; it must open away from the pool

Doors to pool area should be self-closing with child-proof latches; another option is a door alarm that can be set to sound if door opens



Floating alarms make a warning sound if motion is detected in pool



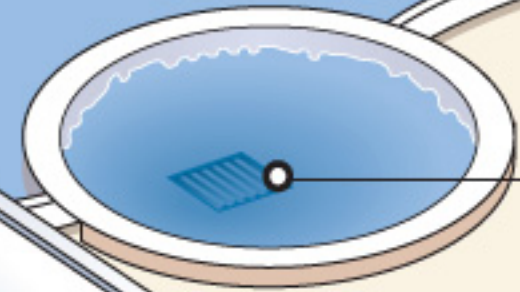
Adults should closely supervise the pool area; drowning is a silent killer, since the victim often cannot shout out; keep a phone handy to dial emergency assistance



Toys left in the pool can attract children, so remove them



There are drain covers that prevent entrapment, reducing the risk of drowning



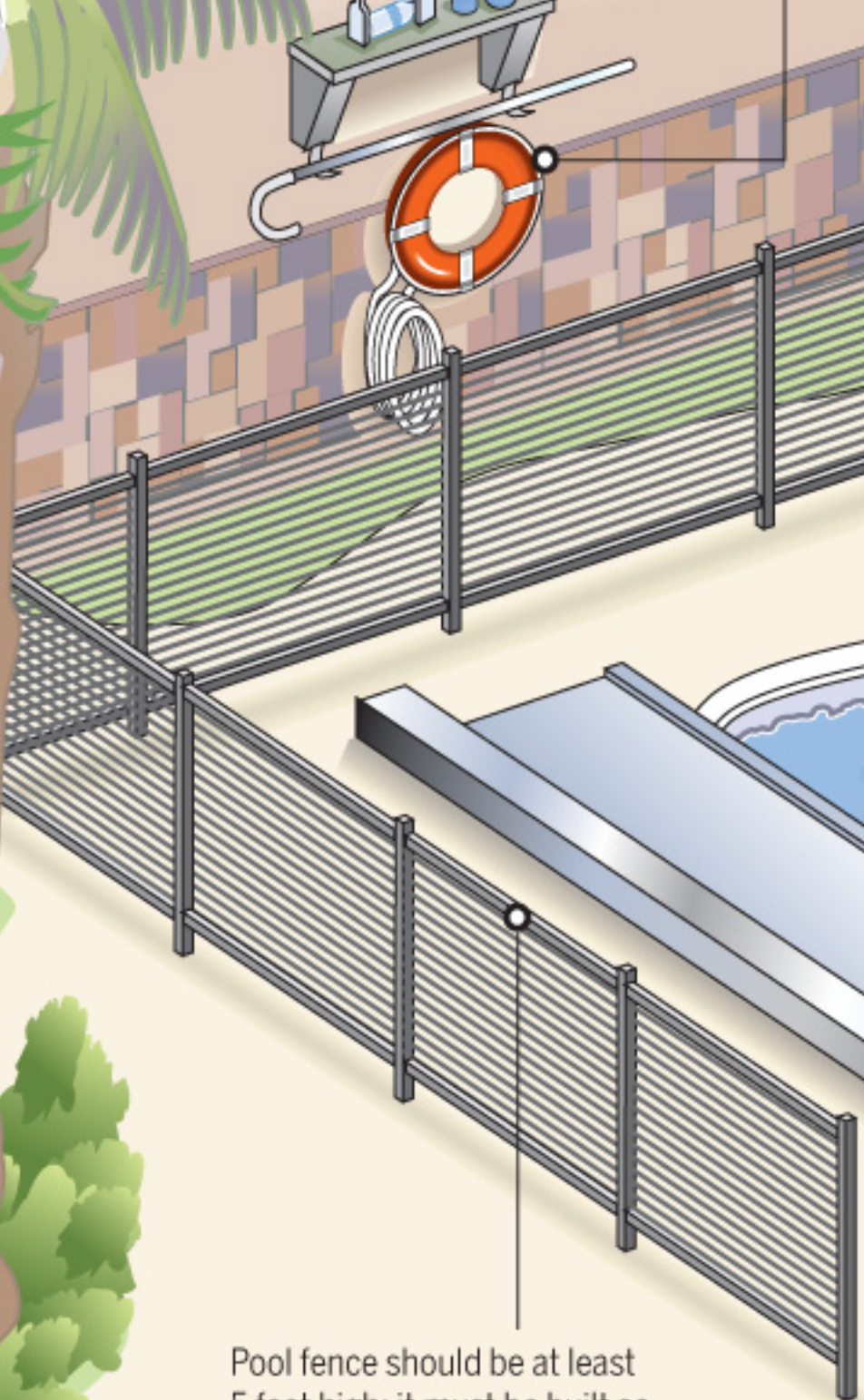
Consider giving kids personal flotation devices, like water wings



Diving boards are a common source of accidents; many owners have replaced them with safer water slides



Pool fence should be at least 5 feet high; it must be built so that it is not easily climbed



Pool covers should be automatic and able to support weight of a child; covers must not leave room for children to crawl under and into pool

