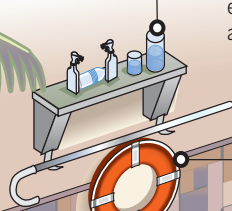


Making your pool area safer

Keep chemicals out of reach of children

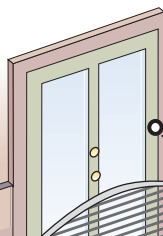


Set up a safety post with ring buoy, shepherd's crook and other safety equipment; keep it an easily accessible area and in good repair

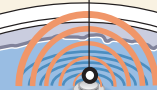


Pool gate should be 54 inches tall with self-closing hinges and self-locking latches; it must open away from the pool

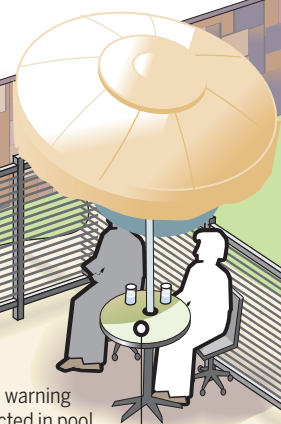
Doors to pool area should be self-closing with child-proof latches; another option is a door alarm that can be set to sound if door opens



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



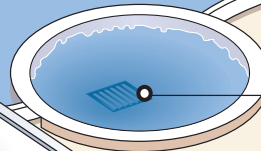
Adults should closely supervise the pool area — drowning is a silent killer, since the victim often cannot shout out; keep a phone handy in case of emergency — don't let a conversation distract you from watching children



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



There are drain covers that prevent entrapment, reducing the risk of drowning; always secure spas or hot tubs with safety covers and barriers



Consider giving kids personal flotation devices, like water wings, but remember these should not be substituted for adult supervision

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

Within the city of Tucson, every pool is required to have a 5-foot-high, permanently fixed fence that completely surrounds the perimeter of the pool. Check to ensure that fencing has no gaps of more than 4 inches.

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

