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The Basics of Pool Safety

Children Drown without a sound. Learn the ABC's of Pool Safety.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department urges everyone to stay safe whenever using a swimming pool, **especially by supervising young children!**

- Adult Supervision:** Assign an adult to supervise children in the pool. If you must leave the area, require all children to exit the pool.
- Barriers:** Pools should be isolated by several layers of protection, including proper fencing, pool covers, alarms, locks, and latches.
- Classes:** All children should take swimming lessons. All family members, including grandparents and babysitters, should know how to swim.
- Emergency Preparedness:** Learn (CPR) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. Install a working phone outside near the pool area, or as close to the pool as possible, in case of a 9-1-1 emergency.
- Life-Saving Devices:** Children should wear life jackets. Floaties or other inflatable devices do not provide life-saving capabilities.

- **Prevention:** Almost 70 percent of all drowning accidents occur in backyard swimming pools. Most could have been prevented. **It only takes A FEW SECONDS for a child to drown.**