



BAKERSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Water Safety

GENERAL WATER & SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

Call 9-1-1 immediately for a pool related emergency.

CPR. If you or your family members do not know CPR...learn!

Post CPR and 9-1-1 information in the pool area.

Swimming. If you or your family members do not know how to swim...learn!

Children must always be supervised (preferably by adults) around water including pools, streams, lakes, tubs, toilets, and even buckets of water.

Lifesaving equipment such as personal flotation devices and ring buoys should be kept near the pool and maintained for emergency use only.

Pools must be secured with a self-closing/locking gate and fencing that meets local codes.

Remove and store all toys after swimming is complete so that children are not attracted back to the pool edge.

Pool covers should always be completely removed prior to pool use.

If you cannot locate a child, begin your search at the most critical location first...the pool.

RIVERS, LAKES, CANALS, AND BEACHES

Swim where and when a trained lifeguard is present.

Never swim where there may be hidden underwater objects and unexpected drop-offs, or other hazards. Rip currents, tides and powerful waves are dangers that can trap even strong swimmers.

Never dive into any water unless you are sure of its depth. Diving head-first into water that is too shallow can cause severe injury or even death. Enter water feet-first whenever possible.

Never enter canals, irrigation facilities or drainage ditches.