

SWIMMING POOLS

Summertime is here, and fun in the sun is everyone's main priority. When you think about your summer outings, please keep in mind swimming pool safety. Each year about 260 children under 5 years old drown in swimming pools. In addition, the suction from drains in swimming pools and spas, under certain conditions, can entrap swimmers underwater.

Any swimming pool, hot tub or spa that contains water greater than 24" in depth is required to be completely surrounded by a fence. Fences must be at least 4 foot in height, and gates must have a self-closing and self-latching mechanism 54 inches above the bottom of the gate.

In addition to providing a mandatory barrier around your pool, keep the following in mind;

- If a child is missing, always look first in the water.
- Even a person who is a strong swimmer can drown.
- Keep rescue equipment and a phone near the pool.
- Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Place an alarm on any door leading to a pool.
- Remove step ladders from above ground pools when not in use.

Swimming pools must be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner. Water that has become stagnant is not permitted, and must be emptied and cleaned properly.

Failure to properly enclose and/or maintain a swimming pool or spa can result in a fine of up to \$2,000 per offense.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at **281-983-2938**.