



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.