

5 Things You Should Know about Portable Pools

It's warm outside and you might be looking into getting a kiddie pool or inflatable pool for keeping cool. Keep these 5 tips in mind to help you choose the best pool for having fun and being safe.

1. Life isn't like the movies.

TV and movies have created the idea that it is obvious when someone is drowning and that we can respond quickly enough to help. But the truth is that drowning is quick, silent, and final. A child can drown in a few inches of water within just minutes and with little splashing or noise.

2. Supervise.

It's really important to always supervise kids closely when they use any kind of pool. That means staying focused on the kids – not your phone, your book, or any other distraction.

3. Cover it. Store it.

To prevent kids from using a pool when an adult is not supervising, your pool should have a cover or be small enough to empty and put away after each use. If it has a ladder, make sure the ladder can also be removed and put away or locked to prevent its use.

4. Fence it in.

Having a fence all the way around a pool, even a portable pool, is the best way to prevent kids from getting to the pool.

5. Seconds count.

Keep a phone with you while you are watching kids in the pool, learn CPR, and if a child is missing, always check the pool first.

