

# Pool Safety Devices

We can all agree that we want our swimming pools to be as safe as possible; not only to protect our children but also to protect the neighborhood children.

Having layers of protection is the best way to ensure a safe swimming pool (outside of adult supervision). A swimming pool owner should consider using the following layers of protection:

## Fences

Fences are required within the City of Denton. The fences must be 5' in height with gaps no larger than 4". The gates must be self-closing and self-latching with the latch at least 54" from the ground. We suggest that you check with your local municipality to determine what is required in your area. It is also important that you check your fence periodically to ensure that it still meets code. Removable fencing is sometimes used immediately around the pool as extra protection.

## Door Alarms

Door alarms provide an important layer of protection in pool safety. Many accidents occur when a child walks unseen out of a back door. The few seconds that it takes for someone to get from the house to the pool is crucial to accident prevention.

Alarming doors that lead to the pool is the answer. These door alarms are available at building suppliers.

## Pool Alarms

Pool alarms have improved dramatically through the years. There are two types of pool alarms. One type goes in the pool and uses wave action to trigger an alarm. The other type uses a laser surrounding the pool. Once the laser is broken, an alarm sounds. Both of these alarms have remote receivers that remain in the house to alarm the pool owner of entry. Pool alarms are also usually available at Gohlke Pools—simply ask the retail staff.

## Safety Pool Covers

Safety pool covers are constructed of a mesh material and are deck anchored to provide a secure anchor. They are strong enough to hold a child or pet.

## Life Buoy/Shepherd's Hook

It is always a good idea to have life-saving devices such as a life buoy and shepherd's hook.

Pool safety is no accident. It takes careful planning and layers of protection. Nothing replaces the protection of constant supervision, but you will have peace of mind knowing that you have equipped your pool with the appropriate safety features.

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