



## Portable Pools

**Fence Them! Cover Them! Put Them Away!**



***Pool Safely: Simple Steps Save Lives*** provides simple safety tips for keeping children and families safe around all pools and spas. Practicing these tips can help reduce the number of drownings and near-drownings among young children.

Portable pools vary in size and height, from tiny blow-up pools to larger designs that hold thousands of gallons of water. They are easy to use, affordable and fun for the family. But portable pools can be deadly and present a real danger to young children.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that from 2005 to 2008, submersion fatalities associated with portable pools averaged 35 deaths each year for children 4 and under.

**See the American Academy of Pediatrics' *Technical Report on the Prevention of Drowning* [<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/>] on the risk of child drownings in above-ground and portable swimming pools.**



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## Safety Tips for Portable Pools

### Here are some general tips for children's safety around portable pools:

- Empty and put away smaller portable pools after every use.
- Once the pool is set up, ensure high levels of supervision.
- Fence portable pools and encourage your neighbors to do the same.
- Cover larger portable pools and put access ladders away when adults are not present.
- Install alarms on doors leading from the house to the pool area that will alert you when someone enters the pool area.
- Teach children to swim, float and other basic life-saving skills; do not consider young children "drown-proof" because they have had swimming lessons.
- Make sure your neighbors, babysitters and visitors know about the pool's presence in your yard.
- Learn and practice CPR so you can help in an emergency.



### Remember to *Pool Safely!*

Meet *Pool Safely* characters Splish and Splash and watch them learn about safety at pools and spas. See: [www.poolsafely.gov](http://www.poolsafely.gov) Kids' Corner

