

Vacation Water Safety Checklist



Use these tips to help keep your family safe at the beach, lake or water park.

If a child goes missing, look in the water first.



Assign a “water watcher” to keep an eye on children who are in or near water. Consider someone who knows CPR to be your water watcher.



Don’t use water toys like water wings, noodles, floaties or inner tubes to help weaker swimmers.



Make sure everyone wears a life jacket while boating, kayaking, jet skiing, water skiing, surfing or participating in other open water activities.



In vacation rentals or homes, keep exterior and pet doors locked to prevent children from entering pools, hot tubs or other bodies of water unsupervised.



Have a phone nearby in case of emergency, but don’t let it or other devices become a distraction.



Watch children extra closely in wave pools, where it can be hard to spot a swimmer in trouble.