

Pool Safety Checklist

1. **FENCE IT IN!** To prevent drowning, make sure your pool is fully enclosed by a fence. Gates should be self-closing and self-latching. An uninterrupted path between the back door and the pool can spell disaster for children and pets.
2. **AVOID ELECTROCUTION** – Anything around water needs to be properly wired, grounded, and protected from ground fault with a functional GFCI. This is particularly important for hot tubs and pool light fixtures. Greenaway offers peace of mind with low-cost safety inspection.
3. **MAINTAIN PROPER CHEMISTRY** – Pool water runs in a closed system, and can become biohazardous. Pool water must be properly sanitized. Additionally, overly treated water or water that does not have a good pH or mineral balance can irritate the eyes and skin. When you order your chemicals from Greenaway, we test your water for free.
4. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT** – Pools should have a rescue hook and a life preserver within plain sight of the water. The rescue hook should be on a solid (non-telescoping) pole. Greenaway offers free delivery and installation of safety equipment.
5. **THE “DIVING” BOARD** – Check the bolts at the back of the diving for signs of rust. Corroded hardware should be professionally replaced. Most residential pools are not really deep enough for a true diving board. A pool with a depth of 8’6” may be equipped with a jumping board, but this does NOT mean that diving is a good idea.
6. **THE ROPE** – Pools with a deep end should have a safety rope (with floats) placed 1-2 feet before the break point where the slope begins.
7. **SIGNAGE** – Stickers and signs should remind bathers of general safety protocol. Put them up and leave them up.
8. **DRAIN INSPECTION** – Certain pool configurations, especially ones with older plumbing, create strong suction around the main drain that is capable of entrapping small children. A Greenaway safety inspection will ensure that your drain configuration is ASME/ASNI compliant.
9. **WINTER COVERING** – Cheap tarp covers may keep the leaves out, but offer no protection against drowning. In-ground pools that are closed for the winter need to be covered with a trampoline-style safety cover which anchors into the deck. At Greenaway, we have five colors to choose from.
10. **SLICK SURFACES** – Pool decking that does not drain or does not have good traction is an injury waiting to happen. Greenaway resurfaces pool decks with non-skid and temperature-deflective coatings. We also solve drainage issues.
11. **SUPERVISION** – Minors and those with limited swim abilities should be monitored at all times, without distraction. If ever a child goes missing, check the pool first!
12. **EXERCISE RESPONSIBILITY** – If you plan on swimming while intoxicated or during an electrical storm, make sure that your life insurance policy is up to date.

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