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Water Watchers
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Summer Water Safety Tips

With the warm weather here, we are spending more time enjoying pools, beaches, and lakes. Yet too often we hear of another tragedy involving a child drowning. As a public service, Independent Pool and Spa Service Association Inc. (IPSSA) has the following tips to ensure a pleasant outing and prevent water accidents:

- Walk, don't run, on wet pool decks.
- Use only plastic containers, not glass, at the pool or beach.
- Swim only in designated swimming areas.
- Do periodic safety checks of your pool area – tighten loose handrails and ladders, add non-skid surfaces to deck and stairs, and check latches and gates.
- Close and lock the pool gate – save a child's life.
- Discourage the use of water wings and inflatable toys -- they are not flotation devices.
- Use the buddy system – teach your children to always have a buddy along and to *never* swim alone.
- Assign a designated "water watcher." Always supervise children in and around water. Constant supervision in and around water is a key to preventing childhood drownings.
- Give your children swimming lessons at the earliest possible time, but still supervise them *always*. Do not assume children are safe in the water, even if they have taken swimming lessons.
- Keep a cordless telephone, whistle, emergency numbers, and rescue equipment within reach.
- In case of an emergency, yell for help, get the child out of the water, and dial 9-1-1. Never leave the child, and if you are trained, begin CPR and first aid if necessary.

Now have some fun!

For more information: to view a Water Watcher tag log onto www.ipssasandiego.com. You can ask a member of IPSSA about procuring Water Watcher tags or visit www.ipssa.com/benefits.htm (see Company Store) to purchase Water Watcher tags. IPSSA is an organization that promotes professionalism and education for those in the pool service industry. It has a membership of 3,300-plus in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Texas.