

# POOL SAFETY CHECKLIST

## RESPONSIBLE ADULT SUPERVISION IS MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES

### **FENCES, GATES, DOORS AND OTHER BARRIERS TO THE SWIMMING POOL AND/OR SPA**

*(PLEASE CONSULT WITH A POOL AND SPA PROFESSIONAL FOR STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS.)*

- Fence or other approved barrier is in proper condition (no holes, proper height, etc.)
- No objects can be used as a ladder or climbing device allowing easy access over the fence or gate
- Gates and doors (with direct access to the pool) have self latching, self closing device installed, and are working properly
- Gate and door alarms are properly installed and in proper working order

### **DECKS OR PATIOS**

- Deck or patio has a slip resistant surface with adequate drainage
- Patio is clean and clear of all debris

### **HANDRAILS, STEPS, LADDERS, DIVING EQUIPMENT AND SLIDING EQUIPMENT**

*(PLEASE HAVE A POOL AND SPA PROFESSIONAL REINSTALL ALL EQUIPMENT IF UNINSTALLED DURING THE WINTER.)*

- Equipment is securely mounted and firmly in place
- Surfaces are slip-resistant and no slippery substance is on the equipment
- No broken treads, sharp edges or loose bolts and nuts

### **ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND LIGHTING**

- Outlets near the pool are protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (fail safe device that can shut off electrical currents in fractions of a second to prevent shock)
- No cords for deck or pool lighting are frayed, have loose connections, are sparking or arcing. (If so, immediately turn off the power at the circuit breaker and call a licensed electrician.)
- If using the pool after dusk, lights in and around the pool are operating (Never replace bulbs in underwater lights yourself. Get an expert to do this for you.)
- No water is accumulated on floor, deck or patio where electrical switches are located
- No extension cords or electrical equipment around the pool area

## FILTER SYSTEMS

(CONSULT WITH YOUR POOL AND SPA PROFESSIONAL BEFORE PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE/OPERATION OF THE FILTER SYSTEM)

No signs of wear or damage to system (If so, contact your pool and spa professional immediately.)

\*When turning on system after maintenance, or when turning on equipment to put pool in operation, always bleed the air in the filter tank and then stand back.

## BOTTOM DRAINS, SUCTION FITTINGS AND DRAIN COVERS

(ASK YOUR POOL AND SPA PROFESSIONAL ABOUT NEW ANTI-ENTRAPMENT DRAIN COVERS.)

Drain covers are covering all outlets and inlets of the pool/spa

Drain covers are securely fastened (use skimmer to ensure drain cover does not move)

Drain covers are not broken, cracked or deteriorating

Children have been warned not to play with or around the drain covers

No loose or missing screws on drain covers

\*If you are unable to check any of the four above, or you have questions on drain covers, **consult your pool and spa professional immediately and discontinue use of pool and/or spa.** Missing, broken or improperly secure drain covers can lead to an entrapment situation, which may lead to injury or death.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Rope and float line is secure and in place

Properly equipped first aid kit is easily accessible from the pool area

Life saving equipment (poles, life rings, etc.) are in an easy to locate and access position around the pool

Emergency contact numbers are posted around the pool

## POOL COVERS

### Winter Covers

No water is standing on the surface of the winter cover

Cover is properly secured with anchors or sand bags and there are no gaps between cover and pool or deck

### Solar Covers

Cover is **entirely** removed before usage \*Solar covers are not safety covers. They do not prevent drowning or entry into the pool

## CHEMICAL STORAGE & USAGE

Chemicals are out of the reach of small children

Pool chemicals are away from chemicals used for garden and lawn

Lids are closed tightly when not in use (only the original lid should be used)

Acid is stored away from other chemicals

Chemicals are not stacked on top of each other

Liquid chemicals are away from dry chemicals

Chemicals are stored in a clean, cool, dry, well ventilated area, preferably off the floor

Water is clean enough so that bottom of pool is visible

Chemicals are not near the pool heater

Always add chemicals to water, not water to chemicals