

# 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.)
- Gates and doors (with direct access to the pool) have self latching, self closing device installed, and are working properly
- No objects can be used as a ladder or climbing device allowing easy access over the fence or gate
- 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
- No broken treads, sharp edges or loose bolts and nuts
- Surfaces are slip-resistant and no slippery substance is on the equipment

### 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)
- 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 extension cords or electrical equipment around the pool area
- 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.)
- No water is accumulated on floor, deck or patio where electrical switches are located

### 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 not broken, cracked or deteriorating
- Drain covers are securely fastened (use skimmer to ensure drain cover does not move)
- No loose or missing screws on drain covers
- Children have been warned not to play with or around the 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
- Life saving equipment (poles, life rings, etc.) are in an easy to locate and access position around the pool
- Properly equipped first aid kit is easily accessible from the pool area
- 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
- Lids are closed tightly when not in use (only the original lid should be used)
- Chemicals are not stacked on top of each other
- Chemicals are stored in a clean, cool, dry, well-ventilated area, preferably off the floor
- Chemicals are not near the pool heater
- Pool chemicals are away from chemicals used for garden and lawn
- Acid is stored away from other chemicals
- Liquid chemicals are away from dry chemicals
- Water is clean enough so that bottom of pool is visible
- Always add chemicals to water, not water to chemicals