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# WATERLINES Retail Store Issue



## Swimming Pool Safety

The APSP, The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals has compiled a safety "checklist" to help make your pool, spa, or hot tub as safe as possible. NSPS wants you to enjoy your swimming pool or spa, and as professionals, we know that your enjoyment begins with safe equipment and safe use. In addition to proper adult supervision, "layers of protection" help enhance safety. Please review the checklist below and if you have any questions

□ **Responsible Adult Supervision** - Constant and responsible adult supervision is mandatory in the pool, spa, or hot tub environment.

□ **Drains, Suction Fittings, and Jets** - Current grates and covers help prevent body or hair entrapment. Make sure that drain covers meet the ANSI/ASME A112.19.8M standard. Safety doors should be installed in all pool cleaner wall suction lines. *Pools, spas, or hot tubs with drain covers that are broken, missing, or not adequately secured should not be used until the proper replacement has been installed.*

□ **Diving** - Any diving board, rock, platform or slide should be inspected *prior to use* to affirm that its installation conforms to applicable industry standards and government regulations.

□ **Electrical Hazards** - A licensed electrician, experienced in swimming pools and hot tubs, should inspect your equipment to make sure everything is properly grounded, bonded, and protected by proper GFCI circuits according to Article 680 of the National Electric Code.

□ **Drowning Prevention** - Install and routinely inspect fences, self-closing and latching gates, baby barrier fences, and alarms. ASTM standards identify four types of pool alarms: one detects movement of the surface water, one measures sub-surface pressure waves, one monitors the perimeter using a laser, and one is a personal immersion alarm that is locked onto a child's wrist. There are also alarms for doors and gates leading to the pool or hot tub area. Learn CPR. Purchase cordless phones, life rings, shepherd hooks, and lockable safety covers that meet the ASTM International F1346-91 (2003) Safety Standard.

□ **Water Clarity** - Clear water aids in identifying soakers and swimmers in distress, helps swimmers avoid collisions and is an indicator that the sanitizer, circulation, and filtration systems are functioning. Poor water clarity suggests the presence of bacteria and/or algae or nutrients for their growth, and that the circulation and filtration systems may not be working efficiently to remove the contaminants from the water.

□ **Water Chemistry** - Proper water chemistry begins with regular sanitization and chemical balancing. APSP

Professionals such as North Shore Pool & Spa can ensure that your pool, spa, and hot tub water is properly and safely balanced for your enjoyment and protection of your investment.

□ **Heaters** - Have an APSP professional technician, such as North Shore Pool & Spa make sure your heater is adequately bonded and ventilated. All hot tubs, spas, and pool heaters that are UL- or ETL-listed are designed with features to prevent overheating.

□ **Indoor Installations** - Pools, spas, and hot tubs located indoors must comply with ANSI/ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers) standard 62-2001 to ensure adequate ventilation and safe use.

□ **Water Safety for Children** - Kids can find games and activities on [www.SplashZoneUSA.com](http://www.SplashZoneUSA.com) to learn about safe water behavior.

□ **Warning Signs** - Protect your family and guests. Make sure that all warning signs provided by the manufacturer, builder, or installer are displayed according to the manufacturers' specifications.

□ **Ladders, Steps and Handrails** - Make sure there are adequate safe-entry and safe-exit methods in both ends of the pool and two sides of the hot tub or spa.



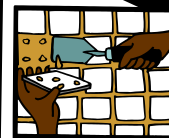
## Pool Sense Tip

Although some pool companies recommend it, using your skimmer to dissolve chlorine is a wasteful practice and it may also harm your pool equipment.

Always use chlorine tablets in floaters or an automatic chlorinator to allow tablets to dissolve slowly in the pool, as they were meant to. Floaters can be tied or weighted to stay in one place in the pool. North Shore's Retail Store carries pool floaters for \$15.95.



## The Tile Corner



## Having a difficult time finding your tile?

Let the experts at North Shore Pool & Spa help you in your search.

Take a picture of your tile and email it to Ben or Ed at [www.retailsales@northshorepool.com](mailto:www.retailsales@northshorepool.com). They will research your tile and work to find a match. You can also visit our retail store and view the vast array of samples in our tile room. Another great option is to visit National Pool Tile Group's website and view their almost endless supply of tile options. Go to [www.nptgonline.com](http://www.nptgonline.com).

Once we have determined your tile we can order it for you. NSPS can deliver it, direct ship it to your home or you can pick it up in our retail store.

Whichever way you choose we will be sure to work our hardest to find the match you've been searching for.

## Retail Store Hours

Monday through Friday

7:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday

8:00am - 1:00pm

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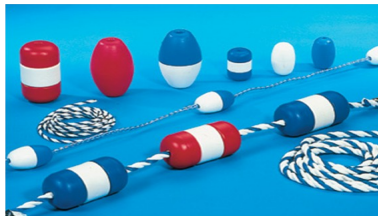
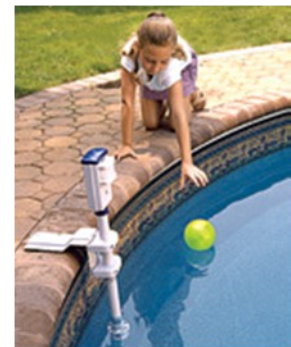
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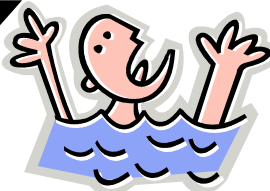
Check your pool area for the following safety equipment items. If you do not have these contact the Retail Store and we can order what you specifically need and have it for you in a few short days. Don't be caught off guard. Safety Equipment is a must for every pool and spa owner.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT MUST HAVES!

RECOMMENED ITEMS: (1-2) Red Water Rescue Tube or Ring buoy's, Life Hook, CPR Microsheild, First Aid Kit, Pool Safety Signs - i.e. pool rules, spa rules, no diving allowed, warning no lifeguard on duty, emergency life saving techniques, Safety Lines sectioning deep end from shallow end, Safety water vests for young or inexperienced swimmers, Inground pool alarm system.



IMPORTANT  
SAFETY  
TIPS!



## DROWNPROOFING

The most common cause of drowning is panic. Panic prevents clear thinking and wastes the victim's remaining energy. Practice a technique called drownproofing. It is much easier than treading water or even floating. It allows you to stay afloat for very long periods while conserving energy.

Follow the steps and review the pictures to the right and use this technique if you ever find yourself struggling to swim.

When you feel able, you can move into a horizontal position and start kicking towards shore or the pool wall, repeating the drownproofing technique as needed.

For more information and technique description please visit:  
<http://www.drownproofing.com>



1. Rest Position.



2. Arms begin to move towards surface.



3. Arms at surface.



4. Arms begin downward push. Head breaks surface - exhale.



5. Continue downward push. - Inhale.



6. End of downward push.



7. Begin to sink back to rest position.



8. Return to rest position.