



In Arizona, you don't have to go to far to find inviting bodies of water. Whether a small puddle or a large lake, dealing with 100+ degree weather on a daily basis makes water of any kind inviting, relaxing and invigorating. According to the Red Cross, home pool drowning is the leading cause of death for children younger than five.

The high heat and cool water temperatures make water safety a problem for us all. Everyone needs to take responsibility for both the maintenance and safety not only around lakes and streams but around pools and hot tubs.

Pools and hot tubs and the areas around them must be maintained and kept safe. The Red Cross offers a variety of on-line resources.

Layers of Protection include (but not limited to):

- Keep children under active supervision.
- Make sure everyone knows how to swim well.
- Secure your pool or hot tub with appropriate barriers.
- Remove any structures that provide unsupervised access.
- Establish and enforce rules.
- Know how to respond in an emergency.
- Store chemicals out of children's reach.
- Drains must be clearly visible, intact and property attached.
- Use qualified professionals to repair or replace equipment.
- Maintain disinfectant and pH levels at all times. Test water regularly.

Find out more about...

- Home Pool Essentials: [HomePoolEssentials.org](http://HomePoolEssentials.org)
- Specific safety recommendations: [poolsafety.gov](http://poolsafety.gov)
- Water-Safety Information: [healthyswimming.org](http://healthyswimming.org)

Above all, be safe, have fun and stay cool!