

Keeping Everyone Water Safe: My Role as a Guest

Water is fun and relaxing, but it also demands constant respect. Drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1-4, and the second for ages 5-14. Adults can drown too. It can happen quickly — in as little as 20 seconds — but layers of protection save lives.



I will keep the pool secure

70% of child drownings occur during non-swim times.

- Lock and latch gates/doors, including sliders.
- Remove toys and remind kids when swim time is over.
- Keep the pool closed when not in use.



I will assess the environment

New and unfamiliar settings increase risk.

- Walk the property to find all water areas (pools, ponds, buckets, etc.)
- Check for less obvious ways kids could reach water.
- Empty kiddie pools, buckets, and tubs after use; secure hidden hazards.



I will stay vigilant — in and out of the water

Drownings increase during distractions like meals or gatherings.

- Assign one sober Water Watcher; rotate every 15 minutes.
- Stay distraction-free; double-check gates and doors are locked.
- Remind myself and others of the risks — never let my guard down.



I will talk openly about water safety

Communication reinforces vigilance for everyone present.

- Share rules with all guests; no horseplay, running, or diving.
- Teach kids to ask before swimming and never go near water alone.
- Remind everyone: no alcohol and swimming.



I will be ready in an emergency

Seconds matter — having a plan saves lives.

- Call 911; know the property address and where rescue gear is.
- If a child is missing, check the water first
- If necessary, start CPR while someone else calls 911

Property Address: _____