

# Pool & Hot Tub Safety

## Follow these tips to cool off safely this summer

As summer approaches you might be looking forward to adding a pool or hot tub to your home. What most people don't know is that any pool or hot tub—even ones purchased at retail stores—have safety codes that must be followed.

### Know Before You Begin

- Even above ground pools require permits.
- Most hot tubs and spas need permits.
- It's your responsibility as a homeowner to contact the Allen County Building Department before you begin a project.

### Pool and Hot Tub Safety

- Alert adult supervision of children is essential in pools, hot tubs and spas at all times.
- Assign an adult to watch the pool at all times when children are present, making sure there are no distractions, like talking with friends or cooking on a grill.
- Don't assume guests or their children can swim.
- Don't leave toys in or around the pool area.
- Toddlers and infants should have physical contact with an adult at all times while in the pool area.
- Make sure all doors and gates leading to the pool or spa area are securely closed when the pool is not in use.
- Don't allow anyone impaired by alcohol or drugs to use the pool or hot tub.
- Make sure there are no electronics anywhere around the pool or hot tub area.

### Water and Electricity

There should be no electrical devices in the pool, spa and hot tub area unless they are installed, maintained and inspected by qualified professionals. Electrical devices also need to be protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).

### For More Information:



For more information about pool, hot tub and spa safety or permits contact the Allen County Building Department at 260-449-7131 or visit [www.allencounty.us](http://www.allencounty.us).

