## POOL SAFETY

If you own a home with a pool – or are visiting a home with a pool – take steps to protect children from drowning.

After birth defects, drowning is the **NO.** I cause of death for children ages 1-4 years. Many of these children drown in pools at people's homes – often during times no one was supposed to be swimming. Children can climb out a window, crawl through a doggy door, or exit an unattended door to get to the pool.

Drowning is silent and happens in minutes.

Every pool should have a fence that surrounds all four sides, **especially the side that separates the house from the pool**. The fence should be non-climbable, at least 4 feet high, and have a gate that is self-closing and self-latching.

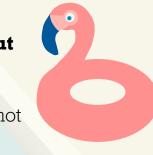




Pool covers, door alarms, window guards and **pool** alarms can be additional layers of protection when used with a fence.



Keep
toys out
of the
pool
when not
in use.





watch
children
at all times
when they
are in or
by the pool.