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Summer Pool Safety Tips

(Paulding County, GA) The official beginning of summer is almost here which means it is time for some outdoor fun! Georgia summers are hot and humid which means there is no better way to cool off than to jump in a pool. Before you open up your pool, go to the neighborhood or community pool, or run down to the local store and buy a plastic pool, think about safety. The following tips could be the difference in your child's safety this summer:

1. Is your current pool protected by a barrier or a fence?
2. Is the ladder, gate, or access point to your pool locked at all times?
3. Is someone responsible, watching your children?
4. Never leave children unattended at or near a pool.
5. Do you have safety flotation devices for the children?
6. Do your children know how to swim?
7. Do you know how to swim?
8. Do you know how to perform CPR?

Did you know that a toddler can drown in a 12 inch kiddie pool? Please take extra precautions to ensure that all of our children remain safe this summer. The Paulding County Sheriff's Office wants you to have an enjoyable and safe summer. Please adhere to these summer pool safety tips to help ensure the well-being of our children. For more information you can go to the American Red Cross' website for pool safety which is listed below.

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/water-safety/home-pool-safety>