WATER SAFETY

As the temperatures get warmer and we spend more time in the water — whether that's boating, swimming, fishing or just sitting by the pool — here's some things to remember so you can stay safe and healthy while spending time with family, friends, and nature.



WEAR LIFE JACKETS

- Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when boating or participating in other recreational activities on the water (Ex. paddleboards, kayaks, jet skis, and other motor craft).
- Keep weak and non-swimmers in life jackets when they are in AND around water.



WATCH CHILDREN

- Always supervise children closely. Do not read, talk on the phone, or engage in any other distracting activity while watching children in or around water.
- Designate an adult to watch children in the water and take turns.
- Keep young children and inexperienced swimmers within arm's reach of an adult.



POOL PRECAUTIONS

- Lock or use doorknob covers or an alarm with doors leading to pools and/or backyard.
- Empty smaller pools and take out ladders after use each time.
- Use pool covers when applicable.



NATURAL WATER: RIVERS, LAKES, OCEAN

Teach teenagers and young adults:

- Always enter water feet first.
- Always swim with someone else and in designated areas.
- Don't drink alcohol. Keep drinking and other substances in check and monitor for friends who may have had too much.
- Know the local weather conditions and forecast.
- Reach, Throw, Don't Go....Call for help!









LOCAL RESOURCES

SWIM AND WATER SAFETY CLASSES

Local YMCAs:

- Offers swim lessons for all ages and scholarships to reduce the costs.
- Call the Customer Service Team: 919-719-9622 to find out about scholarships.
- Chatham residents are able to participate in swim lessons with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA and Ingram Family YMCA in Sanford.
- Coming in 2025: New Chatham YMCA pool, swim lessons, and water safety programs.
- Visit <u>www.ymcatriangle.org/programs/swim</u> for more information.

Town of Siler City Parks and Recreation:

- Offers summer swim lessons for ages 3-10 years old.
- Visit to <u>secure.rec1.com/NC/siler-city-nc/catalog</u> to register.

Chatham County Parks and Recreation:

- Offers water and paddle confidence classes throughout the summer months.
- Visit www.chathamcountync.gov/parks-rec

NC Wildlife Resources Commission:

- Offers boating safety classes throughout the state.
- Visit register-ed.com/programs/53 to register.

CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES

- South Orange Rescue Squad: Free in-person CPR and first aid classes for public and professionals <u>sors.us/cpr</u>.
- American Red Cross: Online and in-person classes <u>redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr/cpr-training/cpr-classes</u>.
- American Heart Association: Online and in-person classes cpr.heart.org/en/.









