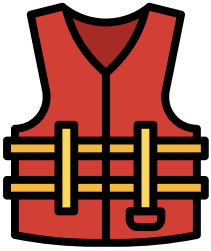


# WATER SAFETY

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:

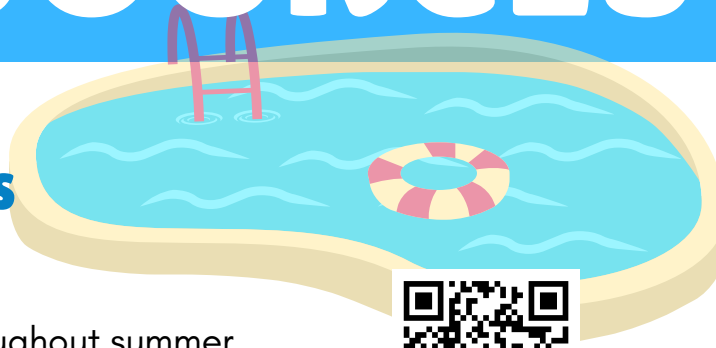
- Always enter water feet first.
- Always swim with someone else and in designated areas.
- Don't drink alcohol. Keep drinking and other substances in check and monitor for friends who may have had too much.
- Know the local weather conditions and forecast.
- Reach, Throw, Don't Go....Call for help!

SCAN FOR MORE WATER SAFETY TIPS:



# LOCAL RESOURCES

## SWIM AND WATER SAFETY CLASSES



### Chatham County Parks and Recreation:

- Offers water and paddle confidence classes throughout summer.
- **NEW** May 2026 water safety and confidence class at Jordan Lake State Park for those 12 years and older.



### Town of Siler City Parks and Recreation:

- Offers summer swim lessons for ages 3-10 years old at Bray Park.



### Local YMCAs:

- Chatham residents can participate at the **Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA**, the **Ingram Family YMCA** in Sanford, and the new **Chatham Park YMCA** in Pittsboro.
- Offers swim lessons and water safety programs for all ages; scholarships available for those who qualify.
- Call the Customer Service Team: **919-719-9622** to find out about scholarships.



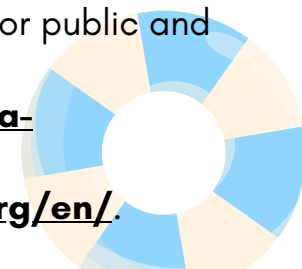
### NC Wildlife Resources Commission:

- Offers boating safety classes throughout the state.



## CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES

- **Chatham County Parks and Recreation:** Monthly CPR classes offered at discount.
- **South Orange Rescue Squad:** Free in-person CPR and first aid classes for public and professionals [sors.us/cpr](https://sors.us/cpr).
- **American Red Cross:** Online and in-person classes [redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr/cpr-training/cpr-classes](https://redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr/cpr-training/cpr-classes).
- **American Heart Association:** Online and in-person classes [cpr.heart.org/en/](https://cpr.heart.org/en/).



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