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Without proper poolside precautions, summer celebrations could quickly turn tragic.

"Each year, more than 250 children under the age of 5 are drowning victims, often in their own

Drengenberg says a child in trouble may not be able to alert anyone by splashing or yelling for

"We all need to be more aware and attentive whenever our families are around a pool," said Dre

* Follow the "10/20 pool patrol" rule. Anytime kids are in the water, have an adult on pool pa

* If you own a pool, learn infant and child CPR and make sure your children take swimming less

* If a child is missing and a pool is in the area, don't waste valuable time searching elsewhe

* Install a fence that is at least 4 feet high with a self-closing, self-latching gate that ha

* Remove any overhanging tree limbs, chairs or ladders from the area to prevent children from

* Consider adding a pool motion sensor and gate alarms to alert you to anyone approaching or j

* Don't forget a pool cover. Power safety covers are recommended for in-ground pools.

* Keep rescue devices such as life preservers at poolside. Also, have a telephone nearby and a

* Remove all toys when you leave the pool. Floats, balls and other toys may attract children t

* Always empty wading pools after your children are finished playing. Infants can drown in jus

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