

Water Safety Checklist

	Yes	Needs Attention
1. Do you pair up swimmers regardless of their skill level and use the buddy system during all outings that involve water play?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you employ certified lifeguards at all of your swimming areas and limit swim times to when a lifeguard is on duty?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you post rules and safety regulations in highly visible places near all of your swimming areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you use wristbands or some other form of identification for all of your young children and inexperienced swimmers, so they can be easily seen while in the water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you limit inexperienced swimmers' water play to shallow areas, in order to help ensure their safety?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you provide young children and inexperienced swimmers with U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets (personal flotation devices)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Do you schedule regular swim breaks (for example, 10 minutes at the top of every hour) and strictly enforce them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. When swimming involves natural bodies of water, do you clearly mark off the deep areas and drop-offs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do you have a designated person assigned to watching the weather for pop-up storms that could pose lightning dangers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do your group leaders know how to prevent, recognize, and respond to emergencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Do your group leaders know CPR?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Do your group leaders have ready access to a cell phone or radio, in the event of an emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Completed by: _____ Date: _____