

HIRING A CAREGIVER

WATER SAFETY CHECKLIST

FOR PARENTS

Use this checklist as a guide to consider water safety when interviewing a caregiver for your children.

SHARE HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN

IN THE HOME

- Re-latch locks on all toilets to make them inaccessible to young children.
- Keep safety locks on all bathroom doors latched.
- Always remain with the child at all times while they are in the bath.
- Put all bath toys away; do not leave them near the tub or toilet.
- Drain all sinks and tubs when not in use.
- Consistently use safety locks and alarms on doors leading to outside.
- Review your displayed emergency plan and contact information (phone & address).

AROUND THE HOME

- Ensure all fences, gates, doors, and windows are securely latched.
- Follow all family pool/water rules.
- Demonstrate use of all provided water rescue equipment.
- Keep children away from pool and spa drains at all times.
- Put all pool toys securely away after swim time so they are not left in or near the pool area.
- Share your pool safety plan with your caregiver if you have a backyard pool.
- Share information about the water features near or around your home (water fountains, ponds, reservoirs, lakes, streams, creeks, etc.)
- If a child is missing, check all water features first.

OUTSIDE OF THE HOME

- Always communicate any plans for taking our child(ren) around water when leaving the home (such as water parks, other backyard pools, rivers, parks, splash pads, fountains, community pools, and recreation centers).
- Use the provided appropriately fitted life jackets (USCG approved) for boating or any activity around natural bodies of water (i.e., fishing on docks or piers, etc.).
- Seek locations where lifeguards are present.
- Ensure you follow all 5 Layers of Protection.
- Review their certification in CPR with rescue breaths and how to call 911.

Discuss and follow all 5 Layers of Protection. Visit [NPDA.org/layers](https://npda.org/layers) for additional information.

