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## CPSC's Pool Safely Campaign

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) *Pool Safely: Simple Steps Save Lives* campaign recently released its **2011 summer snapshot** of the number of drowning and near-drowning incidents across the country. Since Memorial Day, there have been 48 drownings and 75 near-drowning incidents in 35 states. Driven by the high number of drownings and near-drownings, the CPSC is calling for additional vigilance at pools and spas this summer and beyond.

### Common Pool Injuries

Some common pool injuries include:

- Drowning
- Near-drowning and brain injuries
- **Slip and falls**
- Sunburn
- Broken bones

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## Ways to Minimize Drowning Risks

Drownings, near-drownings and other swimming pool accidents can be prevented by following certain safety measures. When using a residential or community pool, swimmers should make sure to:

- Learn basic lifesaving techniques
- Learn how to perform CPR on both children and adults
- Never leave a child unattended
- Teach children water safety basics
- Keep children away from pool drains and other entrapment hazards
- Keep a telephone nearby

## Legal Responsibilities of Pool Owners

Swimming pool owners are obligated to provide a safe swimming pool area by taking certain precautions and the failure to do so may subject the swimming pool owner to [premises liability](#) for any drownings or injuries that occur on the pool owner's property. Swimming pool owners should take the following safety measures in order to provide a safe swimming environment:

- Install a fence that is at least four feet high around the pool with self-closing and self-latching gates.
- Install pool and gate alarms.
- Ensure that pool drain covers comply with the latest safety standards.
- Maintain pool covers that are in good working order.
- Consider using a surface wave or underwater alarm.

If you or a loved one has been involved in a swimming pool accident, you may be able entitled to compensation from the swimming pool owner or operator through a [premises liability](#) or [wrongful death](#) lawsuit. [Contact](#) the Chicago swimming pool accident attorneys at Ankin Law Offices at (800) 442-6546 to schedule a free consultation to discuss your premises liability or wrongful death claim.

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