

Basic Water Safety



1. Enter and exit the water un-assisted.

The point is to teach how to get in and out of a pool without assistance and safely.

2. While holding your breath, fully submerge your face under water for five seconds.
3. Alternately inhale through the mouth above the surface and blow bubbles through the mouth/nose, with face completely submerged, seven time rhythmically and continuously.
4. Open your eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects two times.
5. Front float for five seconds.
6. Front glide for two body lengths.
7. Back float for fifteen seconds.
8. Holding on to the side of the pool, kick with your feet for twenty seconds.
9. Using arm and leg motion, swim five body lengths.
10. Learn to put on a Life Jacket and float for thirty seconds.
11. Demonstrate water safety by:
 - a. How to call for help in case of an emergency.
 - b. Learn how to release a cramp.
 - c. Demonstrate reaching assist.
 - d. Learn at least ten safety rules when around water.

Note: these requirements can be done in a backyard pool (2-3 feet deep) with adult supervision. They do not require a lifeguard or water safety instructor.

Skill Level 1

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