PODL SAFETY SafeTips from the Naval Safety Command

Pools can be a great source of enjoyment, but safety should always come first. Follow these important tips to ensure everyone has a fun, safe time in the water.

- Always supervise children around water, even if they know how to swim.
- Never leave a child unattended near the pool, even for a moment.
- Use pool barriers such as gates with self-closing, self-latching mechanisms.
- Ensure all pool equipment, including ladders and diving boards, is in good condition.
- Teach children to swim and the importance of water safety from a young age.
- Keep rescue equipment, such as a reaching pole and life preserver, near the pool at all times.
- Make sure the pool has a secure cover when not in use to prevent accidental falls.
- Never run or play rough near the pool to prevent slips and falls.
- Always check water quality and temperature before swimming.
- Know how to perform CPR in case of an emergency.

