



HOME SAFE HOME

Summer Safety Tips

Now is a great time to check over all recreational equipment and review outdoor safety measures in preparation for the warmer months. Whether you are organizing a pool party or just plan to enjoy the fresh air, being proactive will help ensure that your family and guests have a fun and carefree summer season.

Pools:

- Make sure the area is fully enclosed
- Keep rescue equipment near
- Secure ladders, slides and other pool-related structures properly
- Check that underwater lights are working
- Clean the pool regularly and change filters as needed

Paths, patios and decks:

- Repair all decks, outdoor living areas and walkways so that they are free of cracks and uneven surfaces
- Keep all areas well lit



BBQ:

- Maintain a safe distance between the BBQ and the home or other structures
- Avoid wearing loose clothing when grilling
- Keep a fire extinguisher close at hand

Fences:

- Ensure that all parts are sturdy
- Check to see that nails and screws aren't protruding

Backyard playgrounds:

Each year, approximately 50,000 children visit emergency rooms because of accidents occurring on backyard playgrounds.

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- Make sure that all structures are properly anchored to the ground
- Replace any worn components, such as ropes, chains and cables
- Make certain that nuts and bolts are tightened frequently
- Oil any moving metal parts regularly

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