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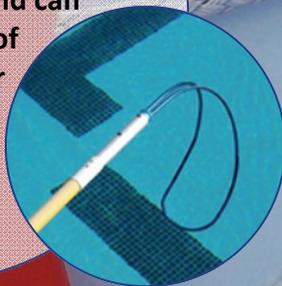


Safety Equipment

All swimming pools must have rescue and safety equipment available **WITHIN 20 FEET** of the pool. Safety equipment must always be in the pool enclosure and may not be put away at night or during the off season.

Shepherd's Hook

A shepherd's hook must be one continuous piece, at least 12 feet long and can only be made out of fiberglass, plastic or wood. Metal poles are not allowed.



Buoy/Life Ring

Buoys must be U.S. Coast Guard approved, 15 to 24 inches in outside diameter and have a 1/4 to 3/8 inch thick throwing rope. The length of the rope must be at least 2/3 of the pool's width.



Emergency Telephone

A hardwired emergency telephone is required, must be operational and must dial directly to 911. The phone must be available within an unimpeded distance of 200 feet for all pools and spas. A gate that is unlocked or a pool fence or gate that is locked, but is less than 4 feet 4 inches tall are not impediments. A locked gate that is taller than 4 feet 4 inches is an impediment, so the phone must be located on the outside of the pool enclosure.



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