

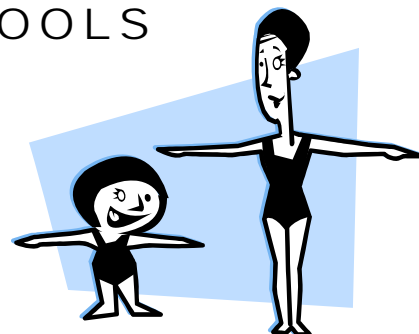
# BACKYARD POOL PARTY

FOLLOW THE RULES, USE YOUR TOOLS

**WHO:** ANY GIRL SCOUT TROOP OR GROUP HAVING A BACKYARD POOL PARTY.

**WHY:** WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOU! GIRL SCOUT EVENTS ARE THOSE THAT FOLLOW *SAFETY-WISE* REQUIREMENTS AND THEREFORE ARE COVERED UNDER INSURANCE. EVENTS THAT DON'T MEET THE REQUIREMENTS BECOME THE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPERVISING ADULTS.

**HOW:** SIMPLY FOLLOW THE "KEYS TO SUCCESS" AND YOU WILL BE READY FOR A FUN AND SAFE GIRL SCOUT POOL PARTY.



## KEYS TO SUCCESS

Consult *Safety-Wise*, pages 120 & 121, for more details

### Pool Facility

- ✓ 6-foot fenced area around the pool
- ✓ Locking gate (can include controlled access from the back of a house)
- ✓ Pool water depths are clearly marked
- ✓ Shallow areas are marked "No Diving"
- ✓ Periodic maintenance checks are made
- ✓ Chlorine and pH are maintained at safe levels. Tests are documented.
- ✓ Diving areas are clearly marked, with or without a diving board

### Adult Supervision – To hire a lifeguard call (619) 610-0813

- ✓ 1 lifeguard for every 25 swimmers (26 swimmers requires 2 lifeguards)  
*Lifeguard must have a current American Red Cross or equivalent certification.*
- ✓ 1 adult watcher for every 10 swimmers (11 swimmer requires 2 watchers)  
*A watcher is someone who actively watches swimmers, helping to maintain safety and point out areas of danger to the lifeguard.*

### Skills Assessment

- ✓ Before swimming, all swimmers are oriented to the Pool Rules by the lifeguards  
*(Front dives only, walking feet, designated areas, no horse play, etc.)*
- ✓ Swim Test: The lifeguard/s will conduct this test and create a system of placing swimmers at a depth in the pool that is appropriate to their skill level.