



VACATION CHECKLIST

Whether your family getaway includes a rental home, boat or day at the beach, take these steps to ensure a safer vacation for your family:

VACATION RENTALS

- The pool/spa has a gate or fence enclosing it
- An alarm system is in place and works properly
- Pool drains are properly covered
Pool/spa covers are intact
- Doors leading outside have locks and alarms (*This is also important with nearby natural bodies of water!*)
- Pool toys are stored away from the water

OPEN WATER

- Check for lifeguards - if available, swim near them
- Understand what the beach flags mean for swimming conditions
- Learn how to spot and avoid rip currents
- Determine where emergency equipment is located

BOATING

- Proper safety equipment is onboard and operational - life jackets, fire extinguisher, whistle/horn, flair, throwable flotation device, motor killswitch
- Know your surroundings - no-wake zones, where it's safe to swim, high-traffic areas, boat launch or home dock, areas with current
- Use GPS or have a map readily available

ALL VACATION DESTINATIONS

- Keep an eye on the weather - it can change in an instant
- Designate a Water Watcher to monitor children at all times - no distractions (*A Water Watcher's sole job is to keep an eye on children when they're in and around the water, free of distractions like phones, books and conversations*)
- Ensure lifejackets are worn at all times when in or around the water, no matter how confident the swimmer

Connect with your local water safety experts at Goldfish Swim School for more guidance before your family getaway!