

# SAFETY ON THE LINE

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“The nice thing about egotist is that they don’t talk about other people.”

Lucille S. Harper

## Swimming Pool and Spa Safety

Now that the weather is warming in Florida, a lot of people are thinking

about relaxing in the family swimming pool. I know I am! However, this recreational activity demands constant vigilance, especially with children and seniors. Swimming pool rules need to be established and followed to help prevent accidents. Brevard county experiences several drownings and near drownings every year, almost all involving small children. The following is **NOT A COMPLETE LIST** but are some rules to help prevent such tragedies. Contact your local pool builder for more tips on how you can make your pool safer for your family and guests.

- Never leave a child alone out of eye contact supervision in or near the pool or spa, NOT EVEN FOR A SECOND!
- Young children should never be considered water safe despite their swimming skills, previous instruction, or experience.
- Do not rely on plastic inner tubes, inflatable arm bands or other toys to prevent accidents.
- Do not allow anyone of any age to swim without a "spotter" nearby.
- Examples of good safety behavior by adults are important for young children.
- Access to the pool or spa should be limited by locked doors or gates whenever swimming or soaking cannot be supervised.
- Teach your children good pool or spa safety habits: no running, pushing playmates, no jumping on others, no diving or jumping in shallow water, or "dunking".
- During social gatherings, be certain that someone has the major responsibility for watching the children and swimmers at all times.
- Do not permit playful screaming for help (false alarms) which might mask a real emergency.

### MSDS Online



On April 1, 1999, the Dial-A-File feature of the KSC **Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) System** will be replaced with a WEB-based distribution system. The MSDSs will be available to all employees through the KSC Internal Home Page at <http://jboscimaging>

Employees will be able to search, retrieve, view and print Material Safety Data Sheets directly from their workstations. The KSC MSDS system is used to provide ready access to information related to the use of hazardous materials in the workplace through the MSDS. For information about the KSC MSDS System contact Jeanne Gosselin at 867-9014.

The Image viewer should have been loaded with Windows 95. But if you experience any problems, go to the following site and follow the directions.

<http://www.eastmansoftware.com/products/imagingpro/instal95.htm>

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