



SUMMER SAFETY

Make the Most of Summer — Safely

From weekend getaways to backyard celebrations, summer is filled with memorable moments. But with increased activity comes increased risk. These curated summer safety tips will help support summer home safety, protecting your family, property, and peace of mind — no matter where the season takes you.

Pool & Spa Safety Tips for Private Residences

- Life vests are required for non-swimmers and children under 12 when in or around the water.
- Maintain active supervision at all times — never leave children unattended.
- **Install safety features, such as:**
 - Pool alarm
 - Code-compliant fencing
 - Anti-entrapment drain covers
 - Life-saving equipment (hook, ring)
 - Automatic safety pool cover
- Avoid alcohol consumption when supervising swimmers.
- Drain and store inflatable pools when not in use.
- Educate children on water safety protocols.
- Ensure household members are CPR and first aid certified.



Open Water and Waterfront Property Awareness

- Keep a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life vest for each guest.
- When entering natural bodies of water, wear protective water shoes and use the “shuffle step” to avoid sharp objects, rocks, or marine life.
- Swim only in designated areas where lifeguards are present.
- Observe warning flags or signage for water conditions.
- Monitor the weather closely; seek shelter during storms.
- Understand rip currents — swim parallel to the shore if caught in one.

Summer Travel and Vehicle Safety Tips

- Never leave children or pets in a parked vehicle.
- Conduct seasonal vehicle checks: tires, brakes, fluids, and AC.
- Reinforce driving expectations with teen drivers.
- Use chauffeured transportation or rideshare services when needed.
- Rest well before long trips — fatigue increases crash risk.
- Be extra alert for bicycles and motorcycles on scenic roads.

Outdoor Entertaining and Summer Home Safety

- Apply broad-spectrum sunscreen and reapply every 80 minutes.
- Stay hydrated and take breaks in shaded or air-conditioned spaces.
- Helmets are essential for biking or recreational vehicles.
- Use EPA-registered insect repellent to protect against mosquito- and tick-borne illness.
- **Follow firework safety:**
 - Use only in permitted areas
 - Keep clear of structures, trees, and people
 - Avoid in dry or high-fire-risk zones
 - Never leave grills unattended or use indoors.
 - Provide pets with ample shade and fresh water outdoors.
 - Inform a trusted contact of your summer itinerary.

