

Staying Safe Around Water









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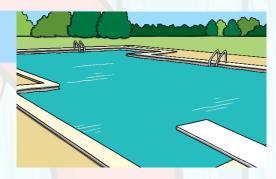
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Where Do We Find Water?

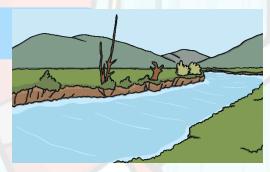




pools



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lakes



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How Do We Stay Safe Around Water?

When out and about near water, there is a special code we should follow:

S

Stay

A

Away

F

From the

E

Edge



Why is this important?

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To keep yourself safe when you are in, on, or near outdoor water, always follow The Water Safety Code.

The Water Safety Code helps you to spot the dangers around water:

It will be cold.



It can be difficult to get out.



It can be deep.



There may be hidden garbage that could hurt you.



There may be no lifeguards.



The water may be dirty and could make you ill.



These signs can help you spot danger.







Can you guess what these signs mean?

Water Safety Signs

Signs that warn you of danger are a yellow triangle shape and are placed to help you spot danger. This one means there is a steep drop.



Signs that mean you should not do something are a red circle shape with a red line running through it, a white background, and black symbols. They tell you about something you are not allowed to do.



Water Safety Signs

Signs that tell you to do something are usually a blue circle shape with white symbols.



Information signs are white with black symbols.



Water Safety Signs

"Safe" signs are red with white symbols.



Safety Flags

At beaches there are special flags:

red flag – it is not safe to swim

red and yellow flags – recommended swimming area with lifeguard supervision

black and white flags – surfboards and other non-powered watercraft allowed



Go Together

Children should always be with an adult around water. Adults can help to point out any dangers.



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Learn How to Help

- If you see someone in trouble, tell an adult.
- Call 911 if there is an emergency.
- Ask the lifeguard to help.





Can you think of different ways to keep yourself safe near water?









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