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POOL SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

According to the Florida Department of Health statistics, 121 unintentional drowning deaths were reported in **Broward County** between 2011 and 2013; 24 of which were children aged 14 or younger. And did you know that for every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries. More than 50% of drowning victims treated in emergency rooms require hospitalization or transfer for further care. These nonfatal drowning injuries can cause severe brain damage that may result in long-term disabilities such as memory problems, learning disabilities, and permanent loss of basic functioning (e.g., permanent vegetative state).

As members of public safety, we often come in contact with public and private pool areas in the course of our daily activities. Therefore, in an effort to combat these preventable deaths, law enforcement and fire rescue personnel are being asked to take a moment when responding to routine calls at homes, condos, hotels, and other public swimming pool areas, to look for visible signs of unsafe conditions, such as:

1. *Unsecured or broken drain grate*
2. *Clarity of pool water is such that the main drain grate is not visible from the pool deck*
3. *Safety equipment missing or broken, i.e., life hook, life ring, etc.*
4. *Ladders & handrails to enter or exit a pool are missing or broken*
5. *Fences, gates, or latches to enter or exit a pool are missing or broken.*
6. *The underwater light is not securely fastened to the pool wall.*



Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the aforementioned critical violations. If any of the above violations are observed at your home pool, you should take immediate steps to correct the deficiency. If you live in an area that has a community pool, you should contact the manager or on-site supervisor of the violation and immediately report the violation to the Florida Department of Health in Broward County via email at poolsafely@flhealth.gov. Your notifications should include the name and address of the public pool, the violation observed, the manager or on-site supervisor who was advised of the violation, and your contact name and phone number.

For additional information of unsafe pool conditions please refer to the Florida Department of Health Pool Assessment Checklist on the reverse side of this page.

If any of the following violation are observed, please immediately contact the Florida Department of Health in Broward via email at: poolsafely@flhealth.gov

For More Information Contact The Broward County Health Department | floridahealth.gov | 954-467-4705



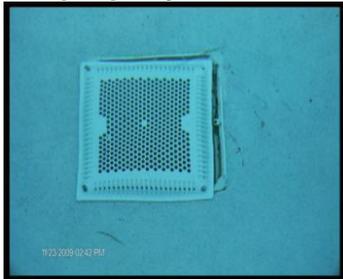
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POOL ASSESMENT CHECKLIST

1-A main drain grate is missing, unsecured, improperly secured or damaged



Unsecured drain grate



Broken drain grate

2-Clarity of the pool water is such that main drain grate is not visible from pool deck



3-Safety equipment is missing or broken



Broken life hook



Broken Life ring

4-Pool ladders & handrails to enter or exit missing or broken



Handrail not attached



Broken ladder

5-Fences & Latches to enter/exit pool area missing or broken



Broken fence



Broken latch

6- Underwater light is not securely fastened to pool wall



Unsecured pool lights



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