TEN SAFETY TIPS

1) Supervise at all times (last weekend two local teens died in unsupervised/unrelated swimming incidents)
2) Pools should be enclosed by at least a 5 foot wall, fence or barrier. Gates should open outward, be self-closing and self-latching and locked. All ground level doors and windows need to be equipped with self-latching devices installed out of children's reach.
3) Know CPR and have a first-aid kit on hand.
4) Never rely on flotation devices (floats, etc. are not a substitute for supervision)
5) Set your pool pump to operate during non-swimming times of the day. Early morning and late night.
6) Make sure all cleaning equipment (hoses and vacuums) are removed when swimmers are present.
7) Be sure that the drain cover on the deep end of the pool is the (non-vortex) type that pulls from the side. Drains can trap children and adults (as was the case of Usher's son last year). The suction on a residential pool can be equal to 500 pounds. Much more weight than any adult can lift.
8) Never use a pool with its cover partially in place.
9) Empty all wading pools and turn over. A child can drown in 1-inch of water
10) Take swim lessons