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BUILDING SAFETY



HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

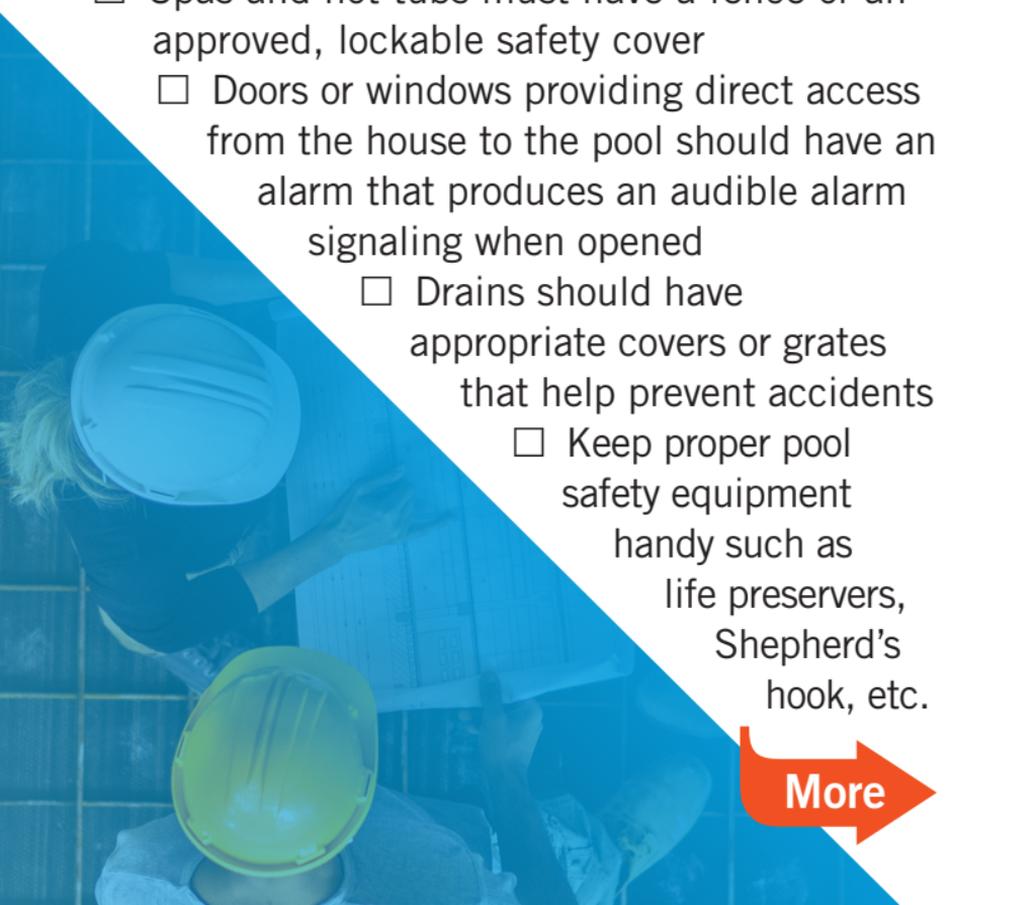
Below is a general safety checklist for your home to help keep your family safe!

Decks, Porches and Balconies — Check/Replace

- Split or rotting wood
- Wobbly handrails or guardrails
- Loose, missing or rusting anchors, nails or screws
- Missing, damaged or loose support beams and planking
- Weak or unstable end support of the porch deck, joists or girders
- Excessive movement when walked on

Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs

- Install a fence at least four feet high around the entire pool area
- Fence gates must be self-closing and self-latching
- Spas and hot tubs must have a fence or an approved, lockable safety cover
 - Doors or windows providing direct access from the house to the pool should have an alarm that produces an audible alarm signaling when opened
 - Drains should have appropriate covers or grates that help prevent accidents
 - Keep proper pool safety equipment handy such as life preservers, Shepherd's hook, etc.



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Outdoor Cooking Grills

- Place grill in the open, away from house, deck railing and overhanging branches
- Use starter fluid intended for grills; don't store near heat sources
- Remove grease or fat buildup regularly
- Check gas hoses for leaks before use
- Do not move grill when it's hot
- Dispose of charcoal properly in noncombustible containers
- Keep ash containers away from house or combustible materials
- Keep grill in a well-ventilated area to avoid injury from gas or charcoal fumes
- Never leave food cooking unattended

Fire Safety

- Place a working smoke alarm on every floor, in each bedroom and outside of each bedroom
- Test alarms every month
- Check alarm batteries every six months
- Keep alarm covers free of dust, grease and paint
- Develop a fire escape plan and practice it
- Pick a meeting place outside in front of your house

Tornado Safety

- Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about watches and warnings
- If a watch is issued, be prepared to go to your safe room or a safe location. Manufactured homes are not safe during tornadoes or other severe wind events
- If a warning is issued for your area, go to your shelter, safe room, basement or a small, windowless interior room or hallway on the lowest level of a sturdy building

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