

# NRH RESIDENTIAL POOL/SPA SAFETY CHECKLIST

The City of North Richland Hills encourages all residents to maintain safe and secure swimming residential pools and spas. NRH recommends that all of the following items be addressed at your home in order to prevent unnecessary accidents.

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT:



- **Lighting in the pool area should be sufficient** to light pool and deck areas
- All electrical equipment should be **GFCI**
- **Life safety equipment should be on site:**
  - Shepherd's Hook: with a 12 ft, non-conducting, non-telescoping, fiberglass, plastic, or wood reach pole
  - Life Ring and Safety Line: US Coast Guard-approved recommended, 15 inches outside diameter, with attached rope length of pool
- **Float Line recommended between shallow and deep areas**
- **Alarm system** should be in place on interior doors with direct access to the pool yard (to notify of persons entering the pool yard)

## POOL FENCE / ENCLOSURE / GATES:



- **Fence** (72" or more in height) must be in **good repair**, **no 4 inch diameter gaps** under fence line or between pickets and no protrusions or indentations that would allow a small child to climb the fence (or mounted *on top* of an above-ground pool)
- **Gates must self-close and self-latch** and should **open AWAY from the pool**
- **No structures within 3 feet** of the pool fence that may allow small children to climb the fence

## POOL / SPA CHEMISTRY AND MAIN DRAINS:



- **Drain covers** must be compliant with VIRGINIA GRAEME BAKER POOL & SPA SAFETY ACT, installed over drains, attached with stainless or brass screws (drain covers must be stamped with flow rate (gpm [gallons per minute] and ASTM/ASME A112)
- Water clarity: the **bottom of the pool should be clearly seen**
- Water chemistry: all **chemicals should be properly balanced**



**Pool:** Free Chlorine: 1 – 8 ppm  
pH: 7.2 – 7.8  
Cyanuric Acid: Less than 100

**Spa:** Free Chlorine: 2 – 8 ppm  
pH: 7.2 – 7.8  
Cyanuric Acid: Less than 100