

The 10-Second Pool Lockdown Card



Before You Walk Away: The 10-Second Pool Lockdown Scan: This one is very valuable because it is not just about watching children while swimming. It addresses the danger of an unattended pool. A quick safety checklist for homeowners, grandparents, vacation rentals, pool owners, and families with outdoor water access.

Section 1: The 10-Second Pool Lockdown Scan

Before leaving the pool area, ask:

- Is the gate fully closed and latched?
- Is the pool cover secured, if used?
- Are pool toys removed from the water?
- Are chairs, tables, ladders, or objects moved away from the fence?
- Are doors leading to the pool locked?
- Are alarms turned on, if available?
- Are children accounted for and away from the water?
- Is the area clear of anything that could attract a child, teen, guest, or stranger?

Section 2: What Attracts People to an Unattended Pool?

Remove or secure:

- Floating toys
- Bright pool noodles
- Balls
- Snacks or drinks
- Towels left outside
- Unlocked gates
- Easy climbing objects
- Outdoor furniture near fencing
- Visible "fun" items that make the pool look open

Small children may be curious. Teenagers may be tempted. Guests may assume it is safe. Adults may make unsafe choices.





Section 3: The “No One Swims Without Permission” Rule

No one enters the pool area without adult permission.

No one swims alone.

No gate, door, or latch should be left open.

If you see someone near the pool without an adult, speak up immediately.

Section 4: Final 10-Second Exit Check

Before you go inside or leave home:

- Look at the water.
- Look at the gate.
- Look at the doors.
- Look at the fence line.
- Listen for children nearby.
- Confirm the area is closed, quiet, and secure.

Pool Secure Time: _____

Checked By: _____

Next Check Time: _____

Bottom Disclaimer

This card is an educational safety tool and does not replace supervision, pool fencing, alarms, CPR training, local safety codes, or professional inspection. Always follow your local pool safety laws and emergency procedures

