

# WAVES

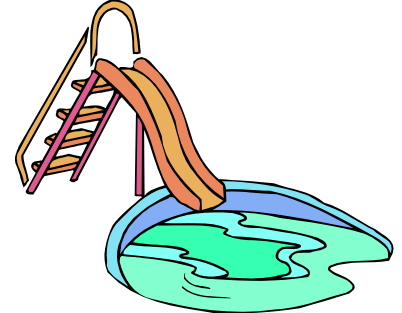


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## WATER SMART® CORNER

### Inflatable pools should be treated in the same way as any other pool.

Temporary structures such as an inflatable pool pose the same safety concerns as in-ground or any other pool or body of water. The recent death of a 13 year old in Quebec highlights the dangers of the pools unguarded filtration system which trapped the girl's hair and led to her drowning death.



People often think of inflatable pools as wading pools and don't treat them as they would regular backyard pools. These pools are fairly large and they're as dangerous as the traditional above-ground pool. So it means you need to know about the local fencing regulations. You need to educate yourself around the safety issues. And just be really vigilant when anyone is using the pool. Approximately 30 people die in private pools across Canada every year; many of them are children under five. A major contributing factor in the deaths of children is the lack of adult supervision.

## FEDERAL MINISTER CALLS FOR MANDATORY SWIM LESSONS IN SCHOOLS



Swimming lessons should become part of every child's education, says the federal minister of state responsible for public health.

Carolyn Bennett is calling for swim lessons to be part of the school curriculum and for the federal government to help fund the initiative. "In this country that is covered in water, it seems like it should be like reading and writing," Bennett said. She says every child should know what to do when they fall into the water.

The Society has developed a program called "**Swim to Survive**" that ensures the minimum standard it believes that all children should have for survival. The program focuses on achieving a single skill sequence -- roll into deep water, tread water for one minute and swim 50 metres. This program is currently being introduced in Newfoundland and Labrador and is growing fast across Canada.

For further details on the program call the Society's branch office or visit our website

[http://lifesaving.nfld.net/Swim\\_to\\_Survive.html](http://lifesaving.nfld.net/Swim_to_Survive.html)

### NEW! 2005 MEMBER SERVICES CD AVAILABLE!

The Lifesaving Society's 2005 Member Services CD should now be received by registered affiliates. This updated CD provides the most current Program Guide as well as many other resource materials for administration, programs and marketing lifesaving programs.

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### Summer student

We are pleased to welcome **Charlene Brothers** to the Lifesaving Society for an 8 week placement. Charlene will be administering award processing and customer service as well as public education initiatives.

Charlene can be contacted at [educationasst@nl.rogers.com](mailto:educationasst@nl.rogers.com) until September 2, 2005.



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