

"Life is full of opportunities. If you can't see them, then create them."

~Bill Fields

Swimming Pool Safety: Fun or Fearful!

Pools insurance is expensive for a reason, accidents are prevalent with Private and Luxury pools, sometimes even leading to the death of love ones. Most accidents can be prevented by obeying the basic rules of pool safety.

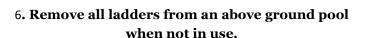
- 1. All pools must be surrounded by a 4ft. high fence and the gate must be self closing and include a self latching lock that is out of reach of children. If possible, even better to have locked when not in use.
 - 2. If the house is on one side of the pool enclosure, all doors to the pool should have a pool-door alarm that lets you know if someone, namely children are entering the pool area. These are available at some pool show rooms and most alarm companies.





- 3. Various styles of pool covers are available to prevent falling into the pool when not in use, especially in the off season. However, don't trust them in place of fencing or adult supervision. They are best if professionally anchored in the off season.
 - 4. Pool toys should be removed after pool use to prevent kids from trying to recover them when unsupervised.

5. Inflatable flotation devices such as vests, water wings, rafts, and tubes give a false sense of security and are not effective in protecting a child from drowning. Never use these as a substitute for constant adult supervisions.





7. Have your children take swimming lessons as young as possible, but don't assume this replaces adult supervision.

8. If you leave your child with a babysitter, make sure they know your rules for the pool and emphasize they must be obeyed.

9. Never have a trampoline in the same area as a pool. Kids are known to jump from the trampoline into a pool and this can be very dangerous.

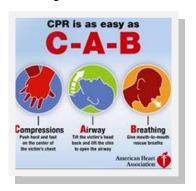


10. Try and not have a diving board. Insurance companies charge several hundred dollars year extra, if you have one, because the facts have proven that there are a lot more accidents with a diving board in a pool.

11. Camera systems are an extra precaution if installed, so you can see the pool area on all tv's and even on your cell phone. Do not assume this is a substitute for good pool safety only an additional precaution.

12. During pool parties always have one adult responsible to watch the pool area.

13. CPR "Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation" lessons would be great for most or all adult family members to know. CPR skills could save someone's life.



Hopefully these guidelines will help you enjoy having a pool a lot more.

It can give you a lot more peace of mind.

Formal Dining Rooms Are Dead-True or False?

Many homeowners are turning their dining rooms into home offices, media rooms and even 1st floor bedrooms. However, homeowners that entertain a lot are not willing to give up their dining rooms. They become the center for great food, wine and games for large or small dinner parties. To make this space very useful, we should have plenty of wall space for the buffet, wine rack or china cabinet, and furniture accessories to enhance the dining experience. Specialty lighting with a unique chandelier can also enhance and change the mood of your guests as desired with dinning capabilities. Also, a great sound



system piped from the walls with smart controls can really have a special effect on your guests. If your dining room is off the living room, and you can expand into the living room for larger gatherings, consider buying a table that is expandable to 10,12, or even up to 16 people. This keeps everyone together for a true dining experience.



Creating A Special Master Closet!

Every homeowner wants a walk-in closet that allows for proper hanging, storage, and convenient use for all the clothing and footwear we accumulate over the years. However, most of us just take what closet space is existing in the home we buy and hang our clothes or put on shelves or in drawers in other bedrooms if we can't make room in the master closet.

Often, the master closet could be used for lot more of our clothes if we took time to design it for our needs. There are professional organizers that can do this for us or we can shop at Lowe's or Home Depot stores and buy all kinds of closet organizers. Fact: We would never build a house without architectural plans and we should not start designing our master closet without knowing what is going into it. Even a professional organizer will start by asking you for a list of clothing and footwear that is going into this space.

The following 10 Questions will help you design the best use of your Master Closet:

- 1.How many people will share the closet?

 The following questions are to be answered by each person.
- 2.Do you want hangers or not? If yes, you can buy several style of hangers
- 3. How tall are you? All hanging bars should accommodate each persons height.
- 4. How many garments are you going to hang up? A foot of a hanging bar may hold 10 dress shirts or 5-6 Suits or dresses
- 5.How many long garments do you have?
- ◆ 6. Are you hidden storage or open storage minded?
 This means, do you prefer drawers or open shelving so you can see what you have.
- 7. Do you have a lot of any particular item such as purses, shoes, ties, hats, sweaters, Etc.?
- 8. Shoe storage is particularly important? What style of shoes do you mostly have?

 Do you prefer to hang them on a rack, out on a shelf or place them into a shoe organizer.
- 9. How many pairs of tall boots do you have? These must be accommodated in a different type of storage area then regular shoes.
- 10.Do you want your clothing accessories in the master closet? Examples would be, belts, scarves, jewelry, ties, Etc.

Once you or your professional organizer design your closet to meet your current and predictable future needs, you will wonder how you ever existed before. It will be easier and quicker to get ready in the morning. It will even keep your clothes neater with less wrinkles and you will be a happier person. When you sell your house, a well organized master closet will also enhance the sale of you home.

How can you not do this?

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