

USE POOL CHEMICALS SAFELY



Protect yourself and swimmers from the thousands of preventable injuries that occur each year.

BEFORE YOU USE POOL CHEMICALS

Get trained in pool chemical safety (for example, during an operator training course).

Ask for help if you are **not** trained for specific tasks.

Read entire product label or Safety Data Sheets (SDS) before using.

Learn your pool's Emergency Chemical Spill Response Plan and practice steps (for example, evacuation).

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- **Wear appropriate safety equipment (for example, safety goggles and gloves).**
- **Read product label before each use:**
 - Handle in a well-ventilated area.
 - Minimize dust, fumes, and splashes.
 - Measure carefully.
 - Open one container at a time and close it before opening another.
- **Never mix:**
 - Chlorine products with acid; this could create toxic gases.
 - Different pool chemicals (for example, different types of chlorine products) with each other or with any other substance.
- **Only pre-dissolve pool chemicals when directed by product label**
 - If label directs pre-dissolving, add the pool chemical to water. NEVER add water to the pool chemical because a violent (potentially explosive) reaction can occur.

Always respond to pool chemical spills immediately. Follow your pool's Emergency Chemical Spill Response Plan, and be sure to contact the proper authorities and management.



Pool Address and Phone Number: _____

Emergency Response Phone Number: _____

Local Health Department Phone Number: _____



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