

Water Recreation Safety

WATER AND ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX!

This summer, stay safe around pools, lakes and rivers with these tips.



- If someone in the water is shocked, use a non-metal shepherd's hook to pull him/her out of a pool or an insulated device to remove him/her from a lake, river or pond.
- Avoid swimming or getting in the water near boats plugged into shore power or docks with electrical service.
- Fishing on a dock or boat? Keep a distance of at least 10 feet between your pole or boat and nearby power lines.



HOW TO SPOT

Electric Shock Drowning



What it is:

Occurs when marina or onboard electrical systems leak electric current into the water. The current then passes through the body, causing paralysis and drowning.

How to Avoid:

Locate and label all power switches to pool, hot tub and spa equipment and lighting.

- Make sure all pools are 25 feet away from power lines.
- All wiring and repairs should be performed by an electrician.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupters.
- Maintain 10 feet between boats and power lines when in the water.

What to Do:

If you see someone experiencing electric shock drowning, follow these steps:

- Do not enter the water.
- Turn off the power source.
- Use an insulated device to attempt to remove the person from the water.
- Call 911 immediately.