

# Pet Pool Safety Checklist



## Step 1: Install a Physical Barrier

A pet pool safety fence is your first and most important layer. Choose a height, material, and gate design appropriate for your dog. This is the layer that works when everything else fails.

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## Step 2: Create a Safe Exit

Install a ramp or wide, non-slip steps. Practice with your dog – and with any dogs that regularly visit – until finding and using the exit is automatic.

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## Step 3: Add Detection Technology

Install a pool alarm as a backup. Consider the Safety Turtle wearable device for dogs with yard access. Set up smart notifications if you're frequently indoors.

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### **Step 4: Equip Your Dog**

Own a correctly fitted life jacket. Use it for every swim session until you're completely confident in your dog's ability - and use it always for breeds, ages, or health conditions that put them at elevated risk.

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### **Step 5: Supervise Actively**

Designate a water watcher during any pool activity. Put your phone down. Know the signs of fatigue. Keep fresh water poolside. Know where nearest emergency vet is.

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### **Step 6: Train Consistently**

Teach pool entry and exit. Reinforce recall commands. Introduce your dog to the pool setup calmly and positively, never through force.

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## **Step 7: Maintain Your Pool**

Keep chlorine levels at 1–3 ppm. Keep chemicals locked away. Check skimmer baskets regularly — dogs add hair, skin oils, and phosphates to pool water that can clog filters faster than you expect. After heavy dog use, shock the pool.

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*A complete dog pool safety plan isn't a single product or a single rule. It's a system of layered protection.*