

# Tempe Fire Department Policies and Procedures

## Water Safety

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### PURPOSE

The "Operation Water Watch" program is a community awareness program to better educate adults about the hazards of swimming pools, spas, bathtubs and other bodies of water. The program goals are:

- To increase water safety awareness in the community
- To emphasize the importance of knowing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- To let the community know what to do in the event of an emergency
- To inform parents and others in the community about water safety precautions
- To bring attention to a serious problem
- To help reduce the number of drownings

The program is designed to reduce water related accidents in the City of Tempe with specific emphasis on swimming pools. This program also includes water safety topics and techniques for children to make them more aware of the hazards in and around water.

### PROCEDURE

#### Scheduling

In April a letter is sent to all preschools in the city explaining the program and procedure for scheduling a program to be conducted at their school.

Notices of our water safety program are placed in the City's Water Bill. The notice will identify safety tips as well as how the community can schedule a program for their school, church, neighborhood group or scout group.

#### Engine and Ladder Company Inspections

During the second quarter each year, district fire companies will conduct pool checks of all public pools in their management district.