



You can play this game anywhere: in the backyard, in the park, or at the edge of a backyard pool. With hot summer days ahead, and supervised pools closed this summer, knowing the risks and rules of playing in water is extra important to make sure everyone stays safe and has fun. Remember: the most important way to keep everyone safe is to make sure young children and new swimmers are always supervised in and around the pool.

Directions

1. Have your child stand up, either on land or at the edge of the backyard pool.
2. Ask your child a water safety question (sample questions below).
3. If it a safe thing to do, the child sits down or jumps into the pool.
4. If it is not safe they remain standing.
5. Repeat the game by asking another question.

Ideas for “safe” questions

- Is it safe to listen to your swimming teacher?
- Is it safe to swim with a buddy?
- Is it safe to wear a lifejacket in a boat?
- Is it safe to walk on the pool deck?

Ideas for “unsafe” questions

- Is it safe to push people into the pool?
- Is it safe to go swimming without an adult?
- Is it safe to dive in the shallow end?
- Is it safe to chew gum while swimming?