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Director's Corner

Water Safety -

- A few weeks ago IPSSA R7 had a three-minute segment on water safety on Channel 8 San Diego.
- Last Monday we had 3 three-minute segments on water safety on Fox News 6. Baby Guard donated a removable pool fence, which we gave away on the air.
- Good resources for water safety are www.waterwatcher.org (one of San Diego chapter's Web sites) and www.safekids.org.

B.O.R.D. -

- The next meeting is Saturday, August 5. We encourage all members to attend and give feedback.
- The B.O.R.D. is working on the safety manual. It is scheduled to be out in the fall.

Water Safety

Parents whose children have drowned say the day of the tragedy started out just like any other day. No matter how the drowning happened, one thing was the same for all these parents: The three tragic seconds that claimed their child's life slid by silently, without warning, and can never be brought back.

Learn the action steps you can take for safeguarding children in and around water.

Protection:

Use layers of barrier protection between children and water to warn and impede:

- * A non-climbable four-foot fence that separates the pool/spa from the residence. Opening should be no more than four inches wide so children cannot squeeze through the spaces.

- * Self-closing and self-latching fence gates, side gates and doors leading to the pool/spa area, with latches above a child's reach (54 inches high). Gates should open outward.

- * Alarms on doors and windows leading to the water, installed about five feet above ground level so that a child cannot reach them.

- * Pool safety covers (power-operated are the safest and easiest to use).

In addition to these protective devices, routinely follow these practices:

- * Maintain all safety devices to ensure they are in good working order.

- * Secure and lock all doors, windows and gates leading to the pool/spa area when not in use.

- * Drain standing water from pool/spa covers. Remove covers completely

before using the pool/spa and replace them immediately after use.

- * Never leave toys in or around the pool/spa. And, place items that can be used for climbing (tables, chairs, planters) away from fences.

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Calendar of Events

- **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., July 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room, 5648 Copley Drive, San Diego (858-467-9495).
- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., Aug. 5, San Diego, CA. Contact IPSSA executive office, ipssamail@aol.com or 888-360-9505.
- **Pool Industry Expo**, Sept. 28-30, Monterey Conference Center, Monterey, CA. For information visit www.poolindustryexpo.com
- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., Nov. 4, Region 2 (Central California). Contact IPSSA executive office, ipssamail@aol.com or 888-360-9505.
- **Aqua**, Nov. 8-10, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV. For information visit www.aquashow.com.
- **International Pool & Spa Expo**, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV. For information call 888-869-8522 or visit www.PoolandSpaExpo.com.

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