



Region 7 Review

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May is National Water Safety Month!

APSP, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), World Waterpark Association (WWA), and the American Red Cross have joined together to sponsor [National Water Safety Month](#).

Get Involved!

- Plan an Event
- Distribute safety materials to customers
- Display signs and posters
- Talk to a class at your local school (see guidelines below)
- Get your local TV or radio station to play our new Olympic Gold Medal swimmer Public Service Announcements
- Put an ad in your local newspaper

More ideas at




www.nationalwatersafetymonth.com

<http://www.apsp.org/Public/Programs-Events/WaterSafetyMonth/index.cfm>

If you have a swimming pool at home:

- **Install a Four-Sided Fencing** that completely separates the house and play area of the yard from the pool area.
- **Clear Pool and Deck of Toys** immediately after use so children are not tempted to enter the pool area unsupervised.

If you are in or around natural bodies of water:

- Know the local weather conditions and forecast before swimming or boating.
- Use U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets when boating, regardless of distance to be traveled, size of boat, or swimming ability of boaters.
- Know the meaning of and obey [warnings represented by colored beach flags](#)  , which may vary from one beach to another.
- Watch for dangerous waves and signs of [rip currents](#)  (e.g., water that is discolored and choppy, foamy, or filled with debris and moving in a channel away from shore). If you are caught in a rip current, swim parallel to shore; once free of the current, swim toward shore.

<http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalsafety/Water-Safety/waterinjuries-factsheet.html>

Director's Notes Region 7 Quarterly Report

Greetings to All:

Wow, it's almost May! Where does the time go? A customer was in my pool store recently and said it's almost time to start Christmas shopping! The scary thing is I think she was serious.

Well, some good news. One of the assembly bills to tax labor was voted down.

I will be attending the B.O.R.D meeting in Monterey the first week in May. I will report back with information from the meeting.

I know it's down the road, but the September B.O.R.D. meeting will be in San Diego. It would be wonderful to see a great turnout from our region. I will be chairing the meeting, so if nothing else, show up to give me a hard time. Summer is here! Get out the sun block. Be safe.

Joe Lukacik

How can drowning be prevented?

To help prevent water-related injuries:

- **Supervision in or around the Water.**
- **Buddy System.**
- **Seizure Disorder Safety.** Provide one-on-one supervision around water, including swimming pools.
- **Learn to Swim.**
- **Learn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).**
- **Do Not Use Air-Filled or Foam Toys**, such as "water wings", "noodles", or inner-tubes, in place of life jackets (personal flotation devices).
- **Avoid Alcohol** before or during swimming, boating, or water skiing. Do not drink alcohol while supervising children.

Calendar of Events

- **May is National Water Safety Month.** Please promote water safety. www.nationalwatersafetymonth.com
- **BORD**, Fri., May 5, Monterey Marriott, Monterey, CA. info@IPSSA.com
- **CPO Class**, May 24-25, SCP, 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego. www.anotherperfectpoolnews.com/cpo
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., June 27, 7:00 p.m., *Location TBA*.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m., Holiday Inn, SD.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 19, (one week earlier due to Christmas), 7:00 p.m., *Location TBA*.

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