



## Staying Safe Around Water

### Lifesaver Legends

**Beginner:** Introduce your child to words surrounding water safety. Have your child repeat the words after you.

**[Tip]:** Some words to use: life jacket, swimming, drowning, lifeguard, current, supervision, lake, pool, river, beach, bathtub, floats, “no swimming” signs, “no diving” signs, swimsuit, water shoes, waves, and boat.

**Intermediate:** Say a water safety term and ask your child to write or draw it out.

**[Tip]:** Sound the word out to help your child.

**Experienced:** Draw/write a picture/story about the pool or beach using water safety words.

**[Tip]:** Use pictures and as many of the vocabulary words as possible.

**Why is this important?** When children are familiar with terms about safety, it makes it easier for them to understand the importance of staying safe around water.

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