



Tarpon Springs Police Department

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Crime Watch newsletter

Pool Safety Needs To Start NOW!!

Millions of us enjoy warm weather every year by swimming in our backyard pools and relaxing in hot tubs. Tragically though, over 200 young children drown in backyard swimming pools each year. The American Red Cross suggests owners make pool safety their priority by following these guidelines:

Secure your pool with appropriate barriers. Completely surround your pool with a 4-foot high fence or barrier with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Place a safety cover on the pool or hot tub when not in use and remove any ladders or steps used for access. Consider installing a pool alarm that goes off if anyone enters the pool.

Keep children under active supervision at all times. Stay in arm's reach of young kids. Designate a responsible person to watch the water when people are in the pool—never allow anyone to swim alone. Have young or inexperienced swimmers wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

Ensure everyone in the home knows how to swim well by enrolling them in age-appropriate water orientation and learn-to-swim courses from the Red Cross.

Keep your pool or hot tub water clean and clear. Maintain proper chemical levels, circulation and filtration. Regularly test and adjust the chemical levels to minimize the risk of earaches, rashes or more serious diseases.

Establish and enforce rules and safe behaviors, such as “no diving,” “stay away from drain covers,” “swim with a buddy” and “walk please.”

Ensure everyone in the home knows how to respond to aquatic emergencies by having appropriate safety equipment and taking water safety, first aid and CPR courses from the Red Cross.



*TSPD would
like to wish
all moms a
HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!!!*

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Need advice and information on where to get the right help? Help such as transportation, food, health insurance, finding help for your elderly parents?

Contact the *City of Tarpon Springs Senior Information Center*. At the *Senior Information Center*, trained volunteers will be available to assist *seniors* with questions in person, by phone or by email.

Location: *Tarpon Springs Library Conference Room*.

Hours: Mondays & Thursdays, 10am to 2pm

To reach the center call 727-937-1110 or email seniorinfo@ctsfl.us.

The Tarpon Springs Public Library is at 138 E. Lemon St.



1. Grill outside and away from any structures **Fire Safety tip/Grill Safely**

Charcoal and gas grills are designed for outdoor

use only. However, NFPA reports that more than one-quarter (27 percent) of home fires started by outdoor grills began in a courtyard, terrace or patio, and 29 percent started on an exterior balcony or open porch. Pay attention to overhanging tree branches when you set up your grill.

2. Make sure your grill is stable

Only set up your grill on a flat surface and make sure the grill can't be tipped over. Consider using a grill pad or splatter mat underneath your grill to protect your deck or patio.

3. Keep your grill clean

Remove grease or fat buildup from both the grill and the tray below the grill. If you are using a charcoal grill, allow the coals to completely cool off before disposing of them in a metal container.

4. Check for propane leaks on your gas grill

Before the season's first barbecue, check the gas tank hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose and then turning on the gas. If there is a propane leak, the solution will bubble. Other signs of a propane leak include the smell of gas near the barbecue or a flame that won't light.

5. If the flame goes out, wait to re-light

If you are using a gas grill and the flame goes out, turn the grill and the gas off, then wait at least five minutes to re-light it.

6. Take care around the grill

Never leave a lit grill unattended. Don't allow kids or pets to play near the grill. Never try to move a lit or hot grill, and remember the grill will stay hot for at least an hour after use.

7. Be careful with charcoal starter fluid

If you use a charcoal grill, only use charcoal starter fluid. If the fire starts to go out, don't add any starter fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Consider using a charcoal chimney starter, which uses newspaper to start the fire instead of starter fluid.

8. Wear the right clothing

Clothing can easily catch fire, so be sure your shirt tails, sleeves or apron strings don't dangle over the grill.

9. Be ready to put out the fire

Have baking soda on hand to control a grease fire and a fire extinguisher nearby for other fires. If you don't have a fire extinguisher, keep a bucket of sand next to the grill. Never use water to put out grease fire.

A Crime Victim Advocate Can Provide:

Crisis Intervention services on scene of a crime

Continued emotional support services to victims of crimes

Information concerning stages of police department investigation and the criminal justice process

Explain the role of the victim throughout the various processes

Accompaniment to various court proceedings Link information and referrals to community resources Assistance in filing for Crime Victim Compensation claims and restitution Link victims to their rights and options

If you feel you are in need of a Victim Advocate, please contact the State Attorney's Office Victim Advocate at 727-464-6090.

The State Attorney Victim Advocate works closely with local social service agencies to secure the services necessary to help crime victims and survivors. Referrals are made on the basis of the victim's specific needs.

24 Hour Helpline for social services www.211tampabay.org

Pinellas County Social/Health & Human Services www.pinellascounty.org/humanservices/default.htm

Area Agency on Aging www.agingcarefl.org

C.A.S.A (south county domestic violence shelter/center) www.casa-stpete.org

The Haven (north county domestic violence shelter/center) www.rcspinellas.org

Family Service Centers www.familyservicecenters.org

Hispanic Outreach Center www.hispanicoutreachcenter.org

Help-A-Child www.helpachild.org

Suncoast Hospice www.thehospice.org/resources_support/grief_counseling.aspx

The Life Center of Suncoast Inc www.lifecenteroftampa.org

Community Law Program (legal aid) www.lawprogram.org

Gulf Coast Legal Services (legal aid) www.gulfcoastlegal.org

Pinellas County Victim Rights Coalition www.pcvrc.wordpress.com

The Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida www.jud6.org

National Organization for Victim Assistance www.trynova.org

THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

Sunset Beach Concert

Thu, May 3, 7pm – 9pm

Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs

Concerts are on the first Thursday of the month (February through November) and start at 7pm. Concessions are available for purchase. Alcohol and pets are prohibited. Parking is limited onsite, so a courtesy shuttle will deliver concert goers to and from the beach and Tarpon Springs High School. FREE!!

First Friday

Fri, May 4, 6pm – 10pm

West Tarpon Ave, Tarpon Springs, Tarpon Springs Merchant's Association

Eco-Fest

Sat, May 5, 11am – 2pm

Craig Park, Tarpon Springs

The City of Tarpon Springs is teaming up with Keep Pinellas Beautiful to offer an educational and informative event. There will be fun for all ages!

Location: Craig Park Day & Time: Saturday, May 12th from 11 am-2pm Fee: FREE

Cinco de Mayo

May 5, 6pm – 11pm

Athens Street,

Wine Walk

Sat, May 12, 4pm – 8pm

West Tarpon Avenue,

Elks Lodge Beach Party

Sat, May 12, 7pm – 11pm

Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689,

\$20 per person includes admission, food, wine and beer. Proceeds benefit children in Tarpon Springs. Contact 727-418-3491 or 727-432-0545



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NON EMERGENCY:

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(727) 937-8753

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