

# Backyard Safety

## Burns

Gas and other flammable materials should be only used for the purpose intended.

Proper containers in appropriate conditions can prevent problems.

Access to the garage and other storage areas should be secured.

Fill all gasoline devices such as lawn mowers outside before they are started.

Do not refill gas powered devices until they are given time to cool down.

Use caution around vapors. They are flammable and often go un-noticed.

## Child Safety

Keep all tools and dangerous materials out of access to children.

When working in the yard with powered equipment, keep children at a safe distance.

Take care to pick up any potentially harmful object that may be in the yard or play area.

Take precautions when barbecuing, cooking or using a fire pit. Assure they are put out and have had time to cool.

## Poisoning

Locate and place the poison control number in view of every phone, as well as a list of emergency numbers.

Keep dangerous substances in a location where children do not have access too.

Always properly close the container.

Clean up spills quickly.

Keep children at a safe distance while using any potentially dangerous chemical.

Any cleaning product, gasoline, anti-freeze or other such chemicals should be used only for the intended purpose.

If contact does occur, follow the instructions on the bottle or contact poison control immediately.

## *Falls*

Play areas with climbing structures should have a layer of mulch, wood chips, or protective material in place in case of a fall.
Safety gates for children in appropriate areas should be in place.
Entry ways such as stairs should be kept clear for ease of access.
Tools and toys should be stored after use to keep obstacles to a minimum.
Handrails should be installed on stairways.
Assure that lights are functioning and a proper wattage to provide adequate lighting.

## *Drowning*

Keep buckets under cover so that they do not collect water.
Take special care to watch when children are around any level of water. A very small puddle can be a very big threat.
Fences should be around every pool.
Gates on fences should be self closing and be unable to be opened by children.
Safety devices such as life savers and flotation devises should be kept close by.
Stay alert. Drowning can happen without being heard.