Canadians are concerned about safety in backyard pools, but not as concerned about wearing lifejackets in boats. 

**TO MAKE A POOL AREA SAFER:**
- 51% of Canadians who own a pool do not leave children under 10 alone
- 36% install 4-sided fencing
- 33% add a self-closing gate on the fence in the pool area

**70% OF CANADIAN PARENTS SAY THEY:**
would be concerned with their children playing in a backyard that has a pool, even if their children know how to swim.

**73% OF CANADIAN ADULTS KNOW HOW TO SWIM**

**BOATING HABITS**
- 47% of Canadians who use boats say they always wear a lifejacket
- 23% say they wear lifejackets most of the time
- 8% say they never wear lifejackets
- 22% say this happens only sometimes

When it comes to children and lifejackets, 99% of parents say their children are always wearing a lifejacket while boating.

**LIFEJACKET USE**
- 1 in 4 people who do not use lifejackets do so because they know how to swim.
- 1 in 5 do not wear them because they say they are uncomfortable.

The Canadian Red Cross SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY COURSES teach both children and adults how to protect themselves in, on and around water. To find a course near you, visit REDCROSS.CA

Note: All findings based on an Ipsos Reid poll conducted on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross between December 12 to 19, 2011. A sample of 1,997 adults from Ipsos' Canadian online panel was interviewed online.