

# WATER SAFETY

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

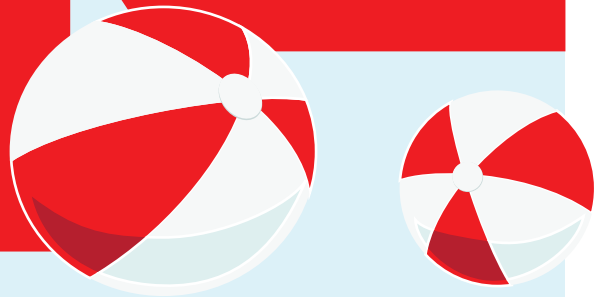
**36%** install 4-sided fencing

**33%** add a self-closing gate on the fence in the pool area

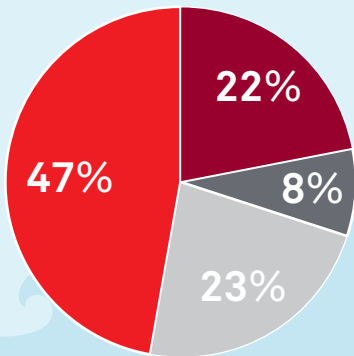
## 70% OF CANADIAN PARENTS SAY THEY:

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.

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