Playing in the Backyard Safely: The Summer Checklist!

Playing with water safely...

- If a child is missing, always check the pool first!
- Supervise kids closely with no distractions!
- Cover pools, store portable pools, and put away removable ladders after use!
- Make sure there is a fence that is at least 4 feet high around your pool!

Playing on backyard equipment safely...

- Install and maintain shock absorbing surface around play equipment
- Platforms and ramps on play sets should have guardrails to prevent falls
- Trampolines must have safety padding on bars and springs, as well as a safety net with an enclosure door
- Check for sharp points or edges on backyard play equipment
- Never attach or allow children to attach ropes, jump ropes, or pet leashes to equipment as they can cause strangulation!

Grilling safely...

- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around grills to prevent burns!
- Use long-handled barbecue tools
- Wear short sleeves or roll them up when cooking on the grill!
- Stop, drop and roll if clothing catches on fire
- In case of burns: place under cool water for 3-5 minutes, cover with clean, dry cloth, and seek immediate medical care