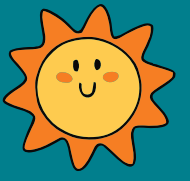


# KEEP YOUR SUMMER SAFE

## Essential Outdoor Tips for Decks, Pools, and Patios



### Deck Safety

- **Inspect for Damage:** Check for loose boards, nails, and wear. Repair or replace as needed.
- **Clean Regularly:** Keep your deck debris-free to prevent slips.
- **Seal and Stain:** Protect your deck from the elements.
- **Check Railings:** Ensure railings are secure.
- **Lighting:** Install proper lighting for evening use.



### Safety: Backyard Playground

- **Regular Inspections:** Check for rust, cracks, and loose bolts; smooth rough edges.
- **Safe Surfacing:** Use soft ground cover like mulch; maintain 9-12 inches depth.
- **Supervision**



### Patio Safety

- **Furniture Check:** Inspect and repair outdoor furniture as needed.
- **Surface Safety:** Keep the patio surface free of tripping hazards.
- **Shade and Hydration:** Provide shade and plenty of water.
- **Fire Safety:** Keep fire pits and grills away from flammable materials.
- **Pest Control:** Remove standing water and keep food covered.



### Pool Safety

- **Fencing and Gates:** Install a fence with a self-latching gate.
- **Supervision:** Always supervise children and inexperienced swimmers.
- **Safety Equipment:** Keep a life ring and shepherd's hook nearby.
- **Pool Cover:** Use a cover when the pool is not in use.
- **Chemical Storage:** Store pool chemicals securely

