

Dear Educators and Safety Experts:

Spring is in the air and pool and swimming season is quickly approaching. Last spring we sent you **Start Safe: A Water Safety Program for Young Children and Their Families**, which we hope you found useful for teaching parents, caregivers, and children about how to be safer in and around water.

This year, Safe Kids and Young Minds Inspired have teamed up again to create the **Start Safe: Water Safety DVD**, an animated video for 2- to 4-year-olds. **We Are Water Safety Rangers** features Rover the Home Safety Hound and his little friends, Wiggle and Giggie. These Safety Rangers take viewers on a water safety patrol through a backyard, a community pool, a bathroom, and open bodies of water to help children learn important rules to help them stay safe around water. With a combination of song, animation, and photography, the video will help you reinforce key water safety messages.

How to Use This Program:

- Preview the DVD, then watch it with your children. Consider presenting one segment or chapter at a time and pausing to review before moving to the next segment. Invite parents to join you if possible.
- Have a group discussion with your children using the post-viewing questions at the end of the DVD (and on the DVD case) to review the video's key water safety messages. The questions appear on screen, followed by the answers a few seconds later. Use the pause and play keys to control the pace of the Q&As on these screens.
- Make copies of the enclosed parent booklet and send them home to parents and caregivers to educate them about the **Lock, Look, and Learn** water safety messages.
- Copy and distribute the student activity sheet on the back of this letter so children can share what they learned about water safety with their families.
- Share the DVD with parents and caregivers. Include it in your lending library along with additional copies of the parent booklet.
- Sing the song with students using the separate song track on the DVD.

If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to present the complete **Start Safe: Water Safety** program to students and families. This DVD includes PDF files of the instructor's guide, student storybook, posters, and more. Program materials can also be found online at www.safekids.org/startsafewater.

Thank you for using **Start Safe: Water Safety**. We hope that you find this program helpful and easy to use. With your help, we can keep young children safe in our communities and at home. Please share your thoughts on the program by sending back the enclosed reply card, or give us your feedback online at www.ymiclassroom.com/survey/watersafetyDVD_feedback.html. We look forward to your comments!

Sincerely,

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Water Safety Rangers know how to be safe around water.

Circle the pictures that can help you stay safe in or near water.



Los guardianes de la seguridad en el agua saben cómo mantenerse a salvo cerca del agua.

Encierra en un círculo las imágenes que pueden ayudarte a mantenerte a salvo cuando estás en el agua o cerca de ella.

Parents and Caregivers,

Help keep your children safe in and around water. Remember to **Lock**, **Look**, and **Learn**:

- **Lock**—Use locked gates and high fences to stop your children from getting to water.
- **Look**—Keep your eyes on your children at all times when they are in or near water.
- **Learn**—Learn swimming and safety skills, like CPR.

Visit www.safekids.org/startsafewater to learn more and to check out the water safety games for grownups and kids.

Padres y cuidadores,

Ayuden a mantener a sus hijos a salvo en el agua y cerca de ella. Recuerden **cerrar**, **mirar** y **aprender**:

- **Cerrar**—Use puertas con cerrojo y cercas altas para que sus hijos no lleguen hasta el agua.
- **Mirar**—Mantenga la mirada en sus hijos en todo momento cuando estén en el agua o cerca de ella.
- **Aprender**—Aprenda a nadar bien y conozca las técnicas de seguridad, como la resucitación cardiopulmonar.

Visite www.safekids.org/startsafewater para obtener más información y ver juegos de seguridad para niños y adultos.