POOL SAFETY CHECKLIST
RESPONSIBLE ADULT SUPERVISION IS MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES

FENCES, GATES, DOORS AND OTHER BARRIERS TO THE SWIMMING POOL AND/OR SPA (PLEASE CONSULT WITH A POOL AND SPA PROFESSIONAL FOR STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS.)
- Fence or other approved barrier is in proper condition (no holes, proper height, etc.)
- Gates and doors (with direct access to the pool) have self-latching, self-closing device installed, and are working properly
- No objects can be used as a ladder or climbing device allowing easy access over the fence or gate
- Gate and door alarms are properly installed and in proper working order

DECKS OR PATIOS
- Deck or patio has a slip resistant surface with adequate drainage
- Patio is clean and clear of all debris

HANDRAILS, STEPS, LADDERS, DIVING EQUIPMENT AND SLIDING EQUIPMENT (PLEASE HAVE A POOL AND SPA PROFESSIONAL REINSTALL ALL EQUIPMENT IF UNINSTALLED DURING THE WINTER.)
- Equipment is securely mounted and firmly in place
- No broken treads, sharp edges or loose bolts and nuts
- Surfaces are slip-resistant and no slippery substance is on the equipment

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND LIGHTING
- Outlets near the pool are protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (fail safe device that can shut off electrical currents in fractions of a second to prevent shock)
- If using the pool after dusk, lights in and around the pool are operating (Never replace bulbs in underwater lights yourself. Get an expert to do this for you.)
- No extension cords or electrical equipment around the pool area
- No cords for deck or pool lighting are frayed, have loose connections, are sparking or arcing. (If so, immediately turn off the power at the circuit breaker and call a licensed electrician.)
- No water is accumulated on floor, deck or patio where electrical switches are located

FILTER SYSTEMS (CONSULT WITH YOUR POOL AND SPA PROFESSIONAL BEFORE PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE/OPERATION OF THE FILTER SYSTEM)
- No signs of wear or damage to system (If so, contact your pool and spa professional immediately.)
  *When turning on system after maintenance, or when turning on equipment to put pool in operation, always bleed the air in the filter tank and then stand back.

BOTTOM DRAINS, SUCTION FITTINGS AND DRAIN COVERS (ASK YOUR POOL AND SPA PROFESSIONAL ABOUT NEW ANTI-ENTRAPMENT DRAIN COVERS.)
- Drain covers are covering all outlets and inlets of the pool/spa
- Drain covers are not broken, cracked or deteriorating
- Drain covers are securely fastened (use skimmer to ensure drain cover does not move)
- No loose or missing screws on drain covers
- Children have been warned not to play with or around the drain covers
  *If you are unable to check any of the four above, or you have questions on drain covers, consult your pool and spa professional immediately and discontinue use of pool and/or spa. Missing, broken or improperly secure drain covers can lead to an entrapment situation, which may lead to injury or death.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT
- Rope and float line is secure and in place
- Life saving equipment (poles, life rings, etc.) are in an easy to locate and access position around the pool
- Properly equipped first aid kit is easily accessible from the pool area
- Emergency contact numbers are posted around the pool

POOL COVERS
Winter Covers
- No water is standing on the surface of the winter cover
- Cover is properly secured with anchors or sand bags and there are no gaps between cover and pool or deck

Solar Covers
- Cover is entirely removed before usage
  *Solar covers are not safety covers. They do not prevent drowning or entry into the pool

CHEMICAL STORAGE & USAGE
- Chemicals are out of the reach of small children
- Lids are closed tightly when not in use (only the original lid should be used)
- Chemicals are not stacked on top of each other
- Chemicals are stored in a clean, cool, dry, well-ventilated area, preferably off the floor
- Chemicals are not near the pool heater
- Pool chemicals are away from chemicals used for garden and lawn
- Acid is stored away from other chemicals
- Liquid chemicals are away from dry chemicals
- Water is clean enough so that bottom of pool is visible
- Always add chemicals to water, not water to chemicals