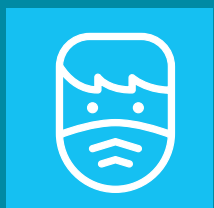


# HEALTHY SEVEN STEPS FOR USING POOL CHEMICALS SAFELY AND SAFE BE SAFE AND PREVENT POOL CHEMICAL INJURIES SWIMMING



**RECEIVE PROPER TRAINING** on pool chemical use



**DRESS FOR SAFETY** by wearing goggles, gloves and an appropriate mask



**READ THE LABEL** before using any chemical



**HANDLE CHEMICALS** in a well-ventilated area



**NEVER MIX** chlorine products with acid



**DON'T MIX** different pool chemicals with each other



**PREVENT SPLASHING** when handling chemicals

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS** inspect public swimming pools throughout the state for appropriate health and safety practices. It is important to remember these facts.

- **Chemical injuries**, disease outbreaks, and drownings linked to swimming pools increase during the summer months.
- **Trained operators** can prevent chemical injuries by reading and following directions on product labels of pool chemicals before using them.
- **If the product label directs** pre-dissolving, add pool chemical to water; **NEVER** add water to pool chemical.
- **Pool chemical injuries** lead to an estimated **4,535** emergency room visits annually in the United States.

**OPERATORS** should take these simple and effective prevention steps to make swimming healthy and safe.

PLEASE VISIT: [dph.georgia.gov/pools](http://dph.georgia.gov/pools) AND  
[dph.georgia.gov/injury-prevention-program](http://dph.georgia.gov/injury-prevention-program)

