



“When Jake almost drowned last month,  
I didn’t think about all the steps we’d taken to protect him.

**Just the one that saved him.”**

It could have been the fence. Or the pool safety cover. But that day, what saved him was the door alarm I installed on the back door to the pool. You can never know which safety step will save a life – until it does. Adding multiple safety steps can mean the difference between a close call and a call to 911. Simple steps save lives. To learn some new ones, visit [PoolSafely.gov](https://www.PoolSafely.gov)

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“When my son Chen didn’t come up after going off the slide, I wasn’t thinking of all the pool’s safety steps.

**What mattered was what saved him.”**

No lifeguards were on duty, but I was right there. I saw that the pool had new safety drain covers.

But what saved him was the CPR course I took. You can never know which safety step will save a life – until it does. Adding multiple safety steps can mean the difference between a close call and a more serious incident. Simple steps save lives. To learn some new ones, visit [PoolSafely.gov](https://www.PoolSafely.gov)

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**“When my daughter fell into the hotel hot tub last year, all the ways they’d prepared for an accident weren’t important.**

**What mattered was the one that saved her.”**

It could have been the fence. Or the self-latching gate. But that day, what saved her were the safety drain covers that prevented her hair from being caught while she was under water. You can never know which safety step will save a life – until it does. The safest system is adding multiple safety steps, no matter how safe your facility already is. To learn some new ones, visit [PoolSafely.gov](https://www.PoolSafely.gov)



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**“When I lost track of my baby sister near the pool,  
none of the other safety steps I took mattered.**

**What mattered was what saved her.”**

It could have been an adult watching. Or an alarm. But that day what saved her was the fencing around the pool that prevented her from chasing a ball into the water. You can never know which safety step will save a life – until it does. Adding multiple safety steps can mean the difference between a close call and a call to 911. Simple steps save lives. To learn some new ones, visit [PoolSafely.gov](http://PoolSafely.gov)

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