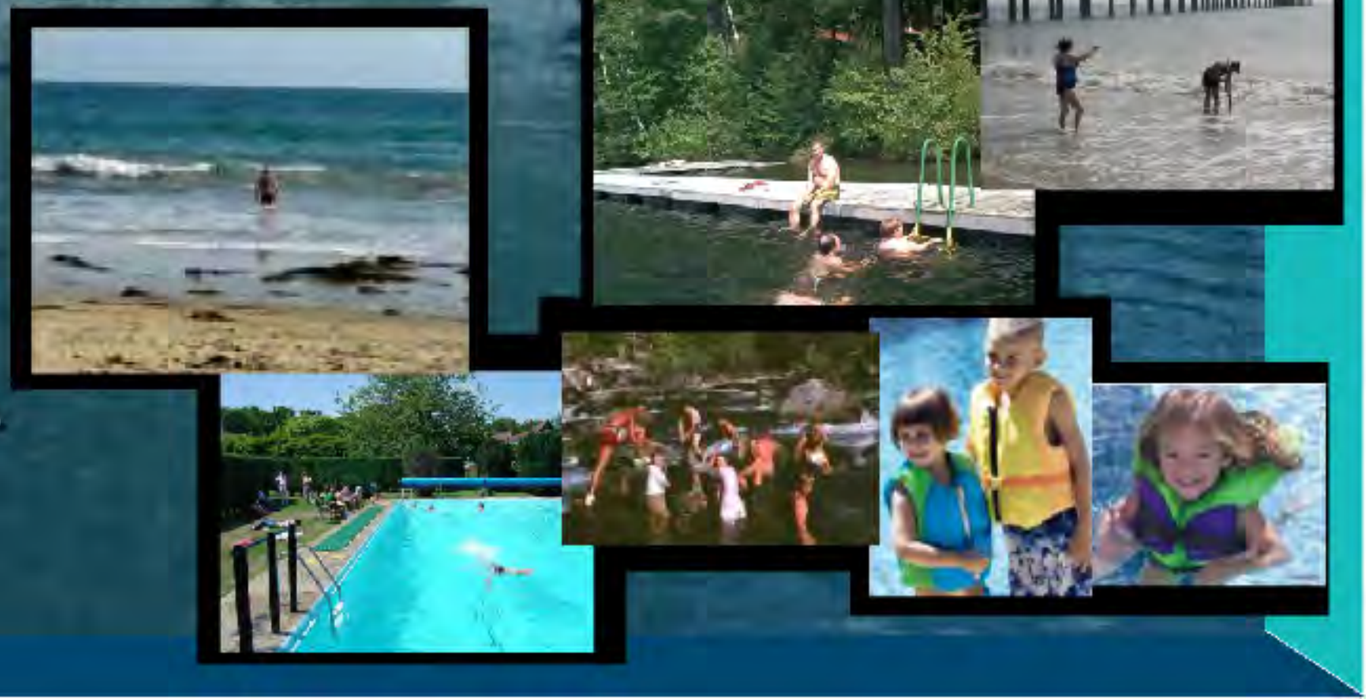
Beach and Pool Safety

In 2000, 3,281 unintentional drownings were reported in the US, averaging nine people per day. This does NOT include drownings in boating-related incidents (CDC 2003).

For every child who drowns, three receive emergency department care for non-fatal submersion injuries.

Among children aged 1 - 4, most drownings occur in residential swimming pools - most were in the care of one or both parents.

Alcohol use is involved in about 25 - 50% of adolescent and adult deaths associated with water recreation. Alcohol influences balance, coordination, and judgment, and its effects are heightened by sun exposure and heat.

For Your Safety, and Those Around You:

LEARN TO SWIM
Swim in supervised areas only.
Obey all rules and posted signs.
Swim only in posted areas.
Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.
NEVER leave children alone in or near a pool.
Never run near the edge of a pool.
Set water safety rules for the whole family.