

Preschool At-a-glance

The Swim for Life Preschool Program gives children a head start on learning to swim. They'll have fun developing the basics to be safe and confident little swimmers. Water Smart® education is part of every Preschool level.

Preschool 1

1. Enter & exit shallow water - assisted
2. Jump into chest-deep water – assisted
3. Face in water
4. Blow bubbles in water
5. Float on front & back (3 sec. each) - assisted
6. Safe movement in shallow water – wearing PFD
7. Glide on back wearing (3 m. each) - assisted
8. Water Smart Messages

Preschool 2

1. Enter & exit shallow water wearing PFD
2. Jump into chest-deep water
3. Submerge
4. Submerge & exhale (3 times)
5. Float on front & back (3sec. each) wearing PFD or with buoyant aid
6. Roll laterally front to back & back to front, wearing PFD
7. Glide on front & back wearing PFD (3 m each) wearing PFD or with buoyant aid
8. Flutter kick on back with buoyant aid (5m)
9. Water Smart Messages

Preschool 3

1. Jump into deep water wearing PFD, return & exit
2. Sideways entry wearing PFD
3. Hold breath under water (3 sec.)
4. Submerge & exhale (5 times)
5. Recover object from bottom in waist -deep water
6. Back float; roll to front; swim 3 m
7. Float on front & back (5 sec. each)
8. Roll laterally front to back & back to front
9. Glide on front & back (3 m each)
10. Flutter kick on back (5 m)
11. Flutter kick on front (3 m)
12. Water Smart Messages

Preschool 4

1. Jump into deep water, return & exit
2. Sideways entry
3. Tread water 10 sec. wearing PFD
4. Open eyes under water
5. Recover object from bottom in chest-deep water
6. Wearing a PFD, sideways entry into deep water; tread (15 sec.); swim/kick (5 m)
7. Front float; roll to back; swim 5 m
8. Glide on side (3 m)
9. Flutter kick: on front (7 m); on back (7 m); on side (5 m)
10. Front crawl (5 m) wearing PFD
11. Water Smart Messages

Preschool 5

1. Forward roll entry wearing PFD
2. Tread water (10 sec.)
3. Submerge & hold breath (5 sec.)
4. Recover object from bottom in chest-deep water
5. Wearing PFD, sideways entry into deep water; tread (20 sec.); swim/kick (10 m)
6. Whip kick in vertical position (20 sec.) with PFD or buoyant aid
7. Front crawl (5m)
8. Back crawl (5 m)
9. Interval training: 4 x 5 m flutter kick on back with 30 sec. rests
10. Water Smart Messages

You can spot people who are Water Smart® right away!

They're the ones who know how to swim and behave safely in, on and around water. Swim for Life includes fun, hands on teaching activities that focus on teaching water safety for the whole family. Lessons that will last a lifetime!

Next Steps:

Swimmer 1 - for children turning five or six

Swimmer 2 - if the child has completed Preschool 5