## SEVEN PREVENTION STEPS FOR HEALTHY & SAFE SWIMMING A D S A F SWIMMING MAKE A HEALTHY SPLASH: SHARE THE FUN, NOT THE GERMS



**DON'T SWIM WHEN** you have diarrhea



**SHOWER BEFORE** you enter the pool



**DON'T SWALLOW THE WATER you swim in** 



**DON'T PEE IN THE WATER and report poop** 



DON'T SWIM IF pool drain covers are missing, broken or can't be clearly seen



**CLOSELY SUPERVISE CHILDREN** in the water



**REPORT HAZARDS** to your local health department, environmental health office

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS** inspect public swimming pools throughout the state for appropriate health

and safety practices. However, it's important to remember these facts.

- **Disease outbreaks** and drowning linked to swimming pools increase during the summer months.
- Chlorine and other disinfectants kill most germs within minutes, but some can survive for days.
- Pee, sweat, and dirt from swimmers' bodies also mix with chlorine and form chemicals that can make our eyes red and reduce the level of chlorine available to kill germs.
- Drowning is a leading cause of unintentional death among children age 1-14 in the United States.

Everyone can take these simple and effective prevention steps to make a healthy and safe **SPLASH**.



