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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



Summer's here, and you know what that means... it's time to get out and enjoy the warmer weather in our beautiful City.

Our pools will be the place to be this summer, and the perfect location to take the family to cool down. But before we dive in, it's important that we all refresh our knowledge on staying safe in and around water.

While our professionally trained lifeguards are an important safety feature at our Centres, they should not replace the close and active supervision from parents and guardians.

Sadly, a lack of supervision by a parent or carer is believed to be a contributing factor in 70% of all drownings in public pools. What's even more alarming, is that drowning is one of the leading causes of death in children aged 0-4 years.

Tragedy can strike in a matter of seconds, so we must always stay alert around water and never leave children unattended. Parents must be in the water and within arms' reach of children who are under six or weak swimmers at all times, I am urging parents to give all of their attention to their children all of the time when visiting our Centres.

Teaching children how to swim and play safely in water is extremely important and our swim instructors are trained to

the highest quality. I know how important this is to our community and I know it has been hard to get into swimming programs due to an industry wide instructor shortage, but I want our community to know we are committed to providing access to our potentially lifesaving program, and we are doing that through the CB Swim School Academy.

If you are interested in starting an amazing career with flexibility and great conditions, apply now. Council will pay for your qualifications and training and if you're committed to safety and providing a high quality customer experience, there's plenty of meaningful work for you, teaching children from our community how to be safe around water.

I hope to see more people put their hand up, get on board and do their bit for the community. Find out how you can get involved at [cb.city/LACareers](https://www.cb.city/LACareers)

In some countries, pools are for the elite... but here, our pools are for everyone. We want everyone to stay safe this summer, and most importantly, have fun!

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Khal Asfour
MAYOR