

# APP CAMPAIGN FOR «INFANT SAFETY AND PREVENTION IN SWIMMING POOLS»

Please help us to considerably decrease the drowning of children, in Portugal, this current year 2010!

Each house with a pool shall install 1 of the 4 following safety systems:

**Alarm • Safety Cover • Shelter • Fence**

## PREAMBLE:

The above-mentioned protective devices will never replace the permanent surveillance of adults. None of these devices is a 100% safe.

## RISKS OF DROWNING:

Every water *spot* represents a potential danger for infants and children, especially, for those who can not swim.

A child can drown in less than 3 minutes in ca. 20 cm (7.87 inches) of water.

In order to enjoy the pleasures of having a pool, **never forget:**

- **Watching out children at all times**
- **Taking preventive measures**
- **Installing one of the safety devices mentioned above (internationally standardized).**

If you rent your (swimming pool) house, ask your new tenants to sign a document, stating that they are responsible for using the pool and for watching over the children.

Let them know, as well, how the pool and its protective device operate, and furthermore, supply them with a copy of the recommendations made here on the risks of drowning.

Also mention that, if they have children, an adult should watch over them, by the pool, at all times, being able to help/rescue them, if needed.

Finally, do not forget to mention the **National Emergency Number – 112** – as well as that of the nearest **Fire Brigade Headquarters**, so that, in case an accident occurs, any member of the house might be quickly assisted.