

# Don't Get Toasted Near Water!

**M**arvin and D-Wayne were lucky they weren't toast after that crazy swimming pool accident! Those guys just never learn, do they?

Everyone knows that water plus electricity are a dangerous, even deadly pair. If you are touching water, never touch electrical devices such as light switches, electric CD players, radios, hair dryers, curling irons or toasters.

Water is an excellent conductor of electricity. Electricity can flow through water almost as easily as it travels through the wires that bring electricity to your house.

Never leave plugged-in appliances where they might fall into water. If a plugged-in appliance falls into water, NEVER reach in to pull it out, even if it's turned off. Instead, immediately ask a grownup or the person in charge to turn off the power source at the control panel (where your fuses or circuit breakers are). Then it will be safe to unplug the appliance. Once an electric appliance has fallen into water or has been left out in the rain, do not use it until it has been inspected by a qualified repair person.

Any appliance that is plugged in should be in a place where water won't be easily splashed on it. If you have an appliance that has gotten even a little wet, don't use it until a responsible adult has checked it out to see if it's okay to use.

Did you know that your body is 70 percent water? So even if you aren't wet and you touch electricity, it will flow through you, and you will be badly hurt. If you are wet, just remember that electricity likes to travel through water, so don't touch any electric appliances until you are completely dry.

Summertime is when we enjoy playing in the water. Make sure you play in the water safely. Don't let a shocking accident spoil your summertime fun. Just remember Marvin and D-Wayne and how they got zapped making toast in their swimming pool. Water and electricity are a deadly combination.

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