



# SAFETY PERSONAL IMMERSION ALARM TURTLE

WIRELESS  
GATE  
ALARM

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## FOR THE LIFEGUARD

Safety Turtle, a personal wireless immersion alarm designed to protect young children, seniors, disabled persons and pets from drowning, is now helping improve the security at public swimming pools.

A Turtle attached to the lifeguard's person or rescue tube allows a single lifeguard to respond immediately to an aquatic emergency, rather than having to travel from where s/he was standing to the emergency call button and then to the distressed swimmer. Alarming occurs both near the pool and at attended location(s) in the facility. Adopted by YMCAs throughout the USA, as recommended by the insurance underwriter, Redwoods.

Safety Turtle wireless alert button(s) allow for manual activation of the alarm, from the pool and/or other activity location(s).

“Lack of an efficient communication system has consistently been identified as a challenge to YMCAs during the hundreds of pool visits and emergency drills conducted by YSC consultants each year. Lifeguards need to be able to quickly activate the emergency response and then assist a victim. They cannot be tied up waiting on a phone, looking for an air horn, or even worse left alone.”

MICHAEL GERTLER, YMCA SERVICES

“An alert button removes the quandary of what to do in an on-deck emergency. You don’t have to toss your buoy into the water, you just push the button. In a single guard scenario the presence of a wireless alert button that is with the guard is generally the difference between whether 10/10 is a reality or an unattainable theory. If you have already purchased your Safety Turtle and did not include an alert button I encourage you to order one for each of your pools now.”

PETER KVALE, RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES,  
THE REDWOODS GROUP



“The front desk staff needs to respond to the pool area and see what needs to happen next. The whistles can’t always be heard through the walls of the facility. On the first day the alarm was installed, a little girl at the YMCA taking swim lessons was rescued after falling off the steps into the water while her instructor worked with another child. I think what it’s done is made the rest of the staff here more aware that we do make rescues. Now everyone hears it.”

ROBERT MARTIN, AQUATICS DIRECTOR,  
SIMI VALLEY YMCA

“It has been slightly just over a year since we installed the Turtle in all of our branches. Yesterday the Turtle was involved in a pool emergency at our Downtown YMCA location and really improved the response time for the victim. It allowed our guard to be a first responder in a lone guard situation and give him the ability to give 100% of his attention to the victim and have the comfort that help was on the way. It helped us save a life yesterday. Thanks for all of your support along the way with getting the Turtle installed properly in our YMCAs!”

LINDA BUTKUS, VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS/  
COO, YMCA OF GREATER OMAHA



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# ABOUT SAFETY TURTLE

- The Turtle instantly detects immersion in water, then transmits a signal that sets off a loud alarm at one or more Base Stations.
- Safety Turtle wireless gate and door sensors provide child access security.
- Any number of Turtles, alert buttons, and gate/door sensors of the same color can be used with one Base Station.

## TYPICAL SET-UP OF A COMMERCIAL SYSTEM FOR AQUATIC FACILITIES

