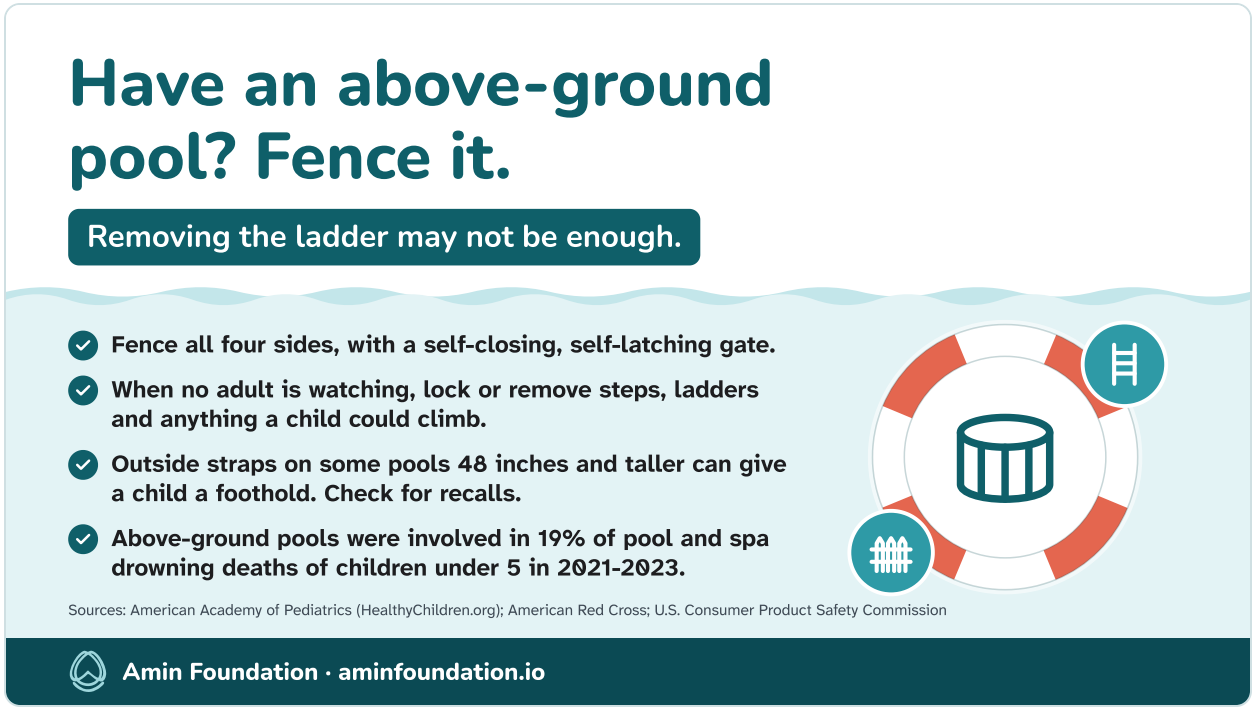
Have an above-ground pool? Fence it.

For parents, caregivers

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What this infographic says

Removing the ladder may not be enough.

- Fence all four sides, with a self-closing, self-latching gate.
- When no adult is watching, lock or remove steps, ladders and anything a child could climb.
- Outside straps on some pools 48 inches and taller can give a child a foothold. Check for recalls.
- Above-ground pools were involved in 19% of pool and spa drowning deaths of children under 5 in 2021-2023.

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