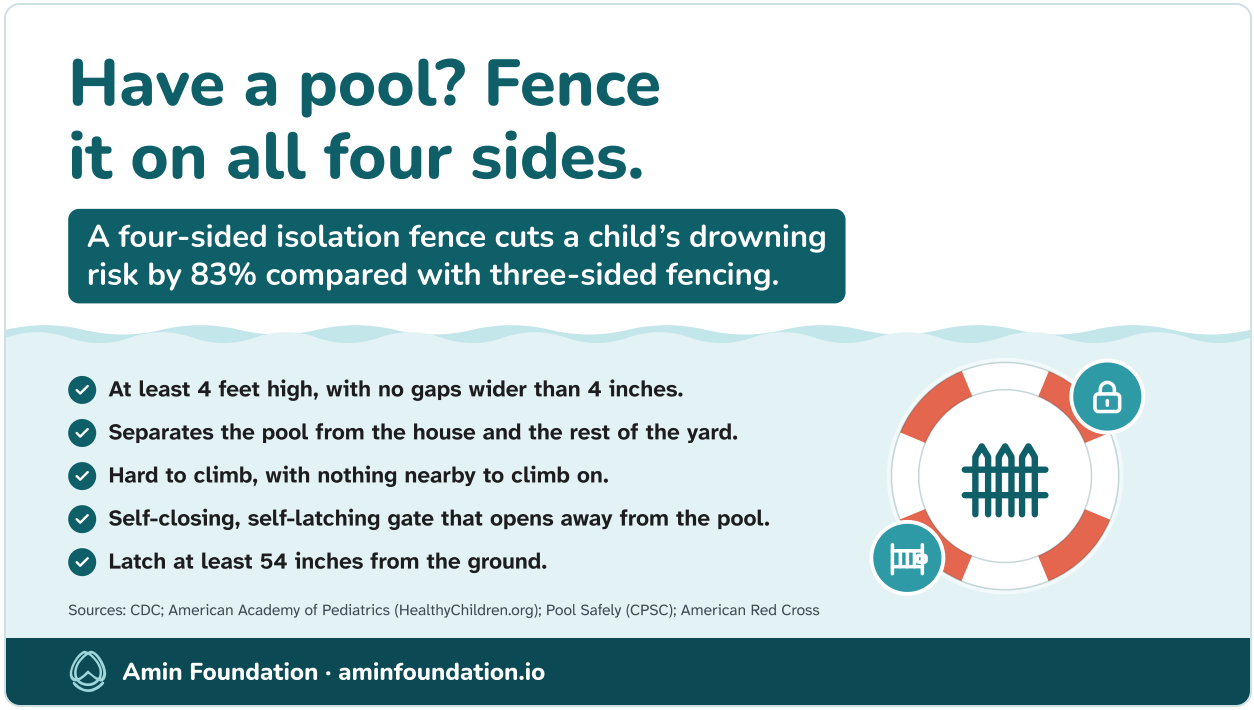
Have a pool? Fence it on all four sides.

For parents, caregivers, adults

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What this infographic says

A four-sided isolation fence cuts a child's drowning risk by 83% compared with three-sided fencing.

- At least 4 feet high, with no gaps wider than 4 inches.
- Separates the pool from the house and the rest of the yard.
- Hard to climb, with nothing nearby to climb on.
- Self-closing, self-latching gate that opens away from the pool.
- Latch at least 54 inches from the ground.

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