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Electrical Article #5 – Pools & Spa Wiring

**Headline**

Wiring a Pool or Hot Tub is No Day at the Beach.

**Subhead**

Pool and hot tub wiring presents unique challenges that require more than a little bit of experience. In *short*, this is no job for amateurs.

**Text**

Common sense dictates that **the most dangerous wiring jobs are those that involve water:** two elements that definitely don't play nice together...at least not without constant supervision.

There are very specific rules, for example, on how close wiring may be placed to water, and where GFI (ground fault interrupter) outlets are required. **GFIs protect against shock by interrupting electrical current caused by a ground fault...**a short that often results from damaged for faulty wiring.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the American Red Cross, there have been 60 deaths and nearly 50 serious shocks reported over the past several years involving electrical hazards in and around swimming pools and hot tubs.

And the usual culprits are:

- faulty underwater lighting;
- aging electrical wiring that hasn't been inspected in years;
- ungrounded sump pumps, power washers, and vacuums;

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- electrical appliances (such as radios and TVs) and extension cords falling or being pulled into the water;
- the absence of GFIs.

**"The best protection for families is inspection, detection, and correction of electrical hazards in and around swimming pools, hot tubs and spas,"** says CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton.

If you already have a pool or spa, here are **several safety measures you can implement right away:**

- Know in advance the exact location of all electrical switches and circuit breakers designated for your pool equipment and lights;
- Know how to turn them off in case of emergency;
- Ensure that all electrical wires and junction boxes are at least five feet away from water;
- Test GFIs monthly to assure continued protection.
- Post an emergency plan within clear view of those using the pool;
- Ensure that overhead power lines and junction boxes are safely positioned away from the pool or spa.

At (company name), we're always available to assist you on any electrical matter, especially where your family's safety is concerned. And now, we invite you to save **\$50 on any pool or spa wiring or inspection project...with our compliments.**

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This offer may not be combined with any other discounts or promotions.

## **Teaser Copy**

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You’ve heard the one about “oil and water?” Well, water and electricity isn’t such a hot mix either...which is why pool and spa wiring is a job for the pros.

Plus...

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