

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER



Hi there, my name is Freya and I'm here to talk to you about ponds.

When housebuilders such as CALA Homes build a new housing development, they sometimes include a new pond or other areas of water.

These can be a lovely feature for people living near-by and they make the perfect home for us frogs and our bird and insect friends!

But ponds are not play areas and you should always be really careful when you are near water.

Spot the dangers...

Ponds may look safe, but they can be very dangerous.

You may swim brilliantly in a warm swimming pool, but when it comes to ponds, you should definitely leave that to me!



Remember:

- Pond water can be very cold – even in the summer
- Unless you can jump like me, the steep slimy banks make it easy to fall in – and difficult to get out
- You can never be sure how deep a pond is
- There may be hidden nasties such as rubbish and broken glass
- Pond water isn't very clean and could make you sick
- There are no life guards around if you or your friends get into trouble

Stay Safe...

- Never swim in a pond
- Never walk on a pond that is frozen
- Never climb over fencing surrounding a pond
- Stay with an adult when you're near water
- Look out for safety signs and do what they say

Ponds are best enjoyed from a safe distance – and if you look carefully, you might even see me!

Activity

Colour in your pond picture.

Can you find the five hidden dangers? Write them in the boxes and draw a line to where they might be found

Freya and her friends are hiding in the pond - can you find them?



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