



Have a trusted friend check the house periodically. Don't leave valuables laying around. Keep the window shades and drapes shut.

**PLAYGROUND:** Check the playground platform heights for climbing equipment and slides. Platforms should not exceed seven feet for school age children or six feet for pre-school aged children. Most playground injuries are due to falls. Make sure there is at least 9 - 12 inches of protective surface material such as mulch, hardwood chips, sand, etc., on the ground beneath the equipment and in the fall zone surrounding the equipment.

**POOLS:** Check the water depth before diving into a swimming pool and never dive into an above-ground pool. Adult supervision of children around swimming pools is crucial. To prevent spontaneous combustion of some chlorine-based products, store and use pool chemicals according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

**LAWN CHEMICALS:** If you are using pesticides or other chemicals, read the container label carefully and follow the directions exactly. Mix sprays outdoors, being careful not to spill chemicals on the ground or grass in areas used by family members or pets. Protect your eyes and skin from exposure. Wear a protective mask to keep from inhaling any hazardous chemicals.

**RECREATION:** When children are riding their bicycles, using in-line skates or skateboards, they should be wearing properly fitting helmets and other safety gear.

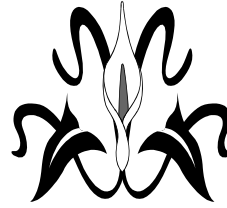
**BARBECUES:** Barbecue grills should be clean, sturdy and stable. Keep them on a level surface away from children, foliage, chemicals, and the house or garage. If using propane grills, double check to make sure the nozzle is turned off. Don't grill from inside your garage. In case of a sudden flare up, keep a bottle of water and a fire extinguisher close by.

The above list was developed by Lowe's Home Safety Council.

If you have a question, change of address, comment, home tip or would like to send *Home Tips* to your clients, send your letter to *Home Tips*, Christian Building Inspectors, Inc., 1003 Star Court, Norcross, Georgia 30093. You can E-Mail your questions to us at [cbii@mindspring.com](mailto:cbii@mindspring.com).

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## NEW OFFICE STAFF



We would like to welcome Donna Ownby who will be replacing Tammy. Donna has over 10 years experience in home inspections. We wish Tammy the very best in Charleston.

## Quote Of The Month

"AN OUNCE OF EXAMPLE  
IS WORTH MORE THAN  
A POUND OF ADVICE"

- UNKNOWN

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