

PLAY IT SMART

Rivers

- Learn to swim.
- Never swim alone.
- Swim in supervised areas.
- Never leave children unsupervised.
- Obey water safety rules and posted signs.
- Beware of treacherous undercurrents, though water may appear to be calm.
- Don't mix alcohol and swimming.
- Don't swim when you are tired.
- Keep a phone nearby so you can call 911.



Reservoirs

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department and the county Parks Department have several recommendations for a safe trip to area reservoirs.



- Use common sense in the water.
- Wear a life jacket.
- Closely supervise children.
- Drive boats at slower speeds.
- Limit alcohol consumption.
- Be careful on narrow and winding roads that lead to the reservoir. Officials say traffic accidents are a major cause of injury at local reservoirs.
- Swimmers should stay in designated areas.
- Be careful with flammable objects. The dry grass can easily catch fire.