

# WARNING: PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING FOR MARINA AND DOCK OWNERS AND OPERATORS

Unknowingly, many swimmers and boat operators place themselves in the face of danger by swimming near electric-powered boats and docks. This innocent act of fun can turn tragic as electric shock drowning occurs each year. Help prevent electric shock drowning or other electrical injuries with these tips from ESFI.

1  
Do not allow swimming in or around your marina.

2  
Have your dockside electrical system (pedestal) inspected and updated by a certified marine electrician annually.

3  
Place warning signs in prominent areas around your marina such as:  
**"ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD RISK: SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK."**

4  
Never use cords that are frayed or damaged or that have had the prongs removed or altered.

5  
Have Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) installed on the dock and test them once a month.

6  
Plan annual boat and dock electrical safety events at your marina.

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