## **Swimmer**

## At-a-glance

The Lifesaving Society Swimmer program makes sure children learn how to swim before they get in too deep. Progressions accommodate 5 to 12-year-olds including beginners and swimmers who want to build on the basics. Lots of in-water practice develops solid swimming strokes and skills. Targeted Water Smart® drowning prevention messages are an integral part of the Swim for Life® program. These messages are delivered in all Swimmer levels.



Swimmer 1	Swimmer 2	Swimmer 3
Entries and Exits		
<ol> <li>Enter and exit shallow water</li> <li>Jump into chest-deep water</li> <li>Jump into deep water wearing PFD</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Jump into deep water, return and exit</li> <li>Sideways entry wearing PFD</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Kneeling dive into deep water</li> <li>Forward roll entry into deep water</li> </ol>
Surface Support		
4. Tread water 30 sec. wearing PFD	3. Tread water 15 sec.	3. Tread water 30 sec.
Underwater Skills		
<ul><li>5. Hold breath underwater 5 sec.</li><li>6. Submerge and exhale 5 times</li><li>7. Open eyes underwater</li></ul>	Recover object from bottom in chest-deep water	<ul><li>4. Handstand in shallow water</li><li>5. Front somersault (in water)</li></ul>
Swim to Survive® Skills		
	<ol> <li>Wearing PFD, jump into deep water, tread 30 sec. and swim / kick 15 m</li> </ol>	Jump into deep water, tread 30 sec.     and swim / kick 25 m
Movement / Swimming Skills		
<ul> <li>8. Float on front and back 5 sec. each</li> <li>9. Roll laterally front to back and back to front</li> <li>10. Glide on front, back and side 3 m each</li> <li>11. Flutter kick on front and back 5 m each</li> <li>12. Front crawl 5 m wearing PFD</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>6. Flutter kick on front, back and side 10 m each</li> <li>7. Whip kick in vertical position 30 sec. with aid</li> <li>8. Front crawl and back crawl 10 m each</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>7. Flutter kick on back 5 m; reverse direction and flutter kick on front 5 m</li> <li>8. Flutter kick on front 5 m; reverse direction and flutter kick on back 5 m</li> <li>9. Whip kick on back 10 m</li> <li>10. Front crawl and back crawl 15 m each</li> </ul>
Fitness		
	9. Interval training: 4 x 5 m flutter kick with 20 sec. rests	11. Interval training: 4 x 15 m flutter kick with 20 sec. rests
Water Smart® Education		
13. Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive	10. Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive	12. Water Smart messages: Swim with a Buddy; Wear a Lifejacket; Check the Ice; Swim to Survive

Swimmer 4	Swimmer 5	Swimmer 6
Entries and Exits		
Standing dive into deep water	<ol> <li>Shallow dive into deep water</li> <li>Tuck jump (cannonball) into deep water</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Stride entry into deep water</li> <li>Compact jump into deep water</li> </ol>
Surface Support		
2. Tread water 1 min.	<ul><li>3. Jump entry into deep water, and tread 2 min.</li><li>4. Stationary eggbeater kick 30 sec.</li></ul>	3. Legs-only surface support 45 sec.
Underwater Skills		
3. Swim underwater 5 m	5. Back somersault (in water)	Swim underwater 10 m to recover object
Swim to Survive® Skills		
Canadian Swim to Survive     Standard: Roll entry into deep water,     tread 1 min. and swim 50 m	Roll entry into deep water, tread 90 sec. and swim 75 m	
Movement / Swimming Skills		
<ul><li>5. Whip kick on front 15 m</li><li>6. Breaststroke arms drill 15 m</li><li>7. Front crawl and back crawl</li><li>25 m each</li></ul>	<ul><li>7. Breaststroke 25 m</li><li>8. Front crawl and back crawl 50 m each</li><li>9. Head-up front crawl 10 m</li></ul>	<ol> <li>Eggbeater kick on back 15 m</li> <li>Scissor kick 15 m</li> <li>Breaststroke 50 m</li> <li>Front crawl and back crawl 100 m each</li> <li>Head-up swim 25 m</li> </ol>
Fitness		
<ul><li>8. Interval training: 4 x 25 m front or back crawl with 20 sec. rests</li><li>9. Sprint front crawl 25 m</li></ul>	<ul> <li>10. Interval training: 4 x 50 m front or back crawl with 30 sec. rests</li> <li>11. Interval training: 4 x 15 m breaststroke with 30 sec. rests</li> <li>12. Sprint front crawl and back crawl 25 m each</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>10. Interval training: 4 x 25 m breaststroke with 30 sec. rests</li> <li>11. Sprint breaststroke 25 m</li> <li>12. Workout 300 m: 50 m warm-up (choice of strokes) 4 x 25 m front crawl with 15 sec. rests 4 x 25 m back crawl with 15 sec. rests 50 m cool-down (choice of strokes)</li> </ul>
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