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## FAMILY FUN

A family fun pool can be more creative with a shape that can divide the pool into zones and add interest, for example denoting different water depths or functions such as jets and integrated seating, a diving area or secluded retreat. Practical things need to be considered more carefully, such as slip resistance, and parents will want to consider mitigating sharp edges and corners, picking splash resistant and durable finishes, and consider acoustic treatment to walls to mitigate noise build up, as well as access via friendly steps to shallow water rather than ladders straight into the deep.

Practicality and safety is key here. Due to vulnerable users (wide user age range), a family pool also needs enhanced safety in relation to access and monitoring. Depth of the pool should be adjusted to the intended use; avoiding sudden and steep slopes. A home pool can also integrate water rehabilitation (aquatic therapy) or basic exercising, and it is a good approach to provide for many generations in line with the Lifetime Home recommendations, ensuring longevity of the build. Added functionality such as level floors and large spaces for exercising, added safety such as grab rails that can also be decorative, lifts as may be required.

