## EQUATION OF A CIRCLE

## LEARNING GOALS

Students will:

- Learn how to develop an equation for a circle.


## KEY IDEA

The equation of a circle centered on the origin $(0,0)$ with radius $r$ is $x^{2}+y^{2}=r^{2}$. It follows that the radius is $r=\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}}$.

EXAMPLE: WRITE THE EQUATION OF A CIRCLE FOR A GIVEN RADIUS
Write the equation of a circle with center ( 0,0 ) and a radius of $\frac{3}{4}$ units.


EXAMPLE: SKETCH THE GRAPH OF A CIRCLE FOR A GIVEN EQUATION
A circle is defined by the equation $x^{2}+y^{2}=25$. Sketch a graph of this circle.


EXAMPLE: WORD PROBLEM APPLICATION
A stone is dropped into a pond, creating a circular ripple. The radius of the ripple increases by $5.3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. Determine an equation that models the circular ripple, 10 s after the stone is dropped. Determine if after 10 s the ripple has reached a toy boat floating on the pond 28 m east and 45 m north.


