



Join the campaign to prevent child drownings.

Basic water safety tips

Inside the house

- ◆ Never leave small children alone around any container of water. This includes toilets, tubs, wading pools, spas, aquariums, and buckets used for cleaning and mopping.
- ◆ Tell baby sitters and other caregivers about potential hazards to young children in and around water, and stress the need for constant supervision.
- ◆ Make sure all pet doors are secured and children cannot crawl through them to gain access to pools or hot tubs.
- ◆ Keep bathroom doors closed and secure toilet lids with lid locks.
- ◆ When bathing children, gather the soap, shampoo, toys, towel, diaper, clothing, and any other needed items before running the bath water. Place these items within easy reach.
- ◆ Once your child is in the bath, don't leave for any reason. Children can drown in just a small amount of water. They can easily topple into the tub or toilet. It only takes a short time for a drowning to happen.
- ◆ If you must leave the room for the telephone or door, take the child with you after taking the child out of the water and wrapping him or her in a towel.
- ◆ To avoid letting a child fall or slip under the water, always keep one hand firmly around the child and keep the child sitting when bathing.

Water safety outside

- ◆ Never leave children alone with water whether it is in a pool, wading pool, drainage ditch, creek, pond or lake.
- ◆ Stay with children swimming or playing in water. They need an adult or certified lifeguard to keep a constant watch and be within reach.
- ◆ Use approved life jackets.
- ◆ Safeguard swimming pools. Use fences. Install self-closing and latching gates, and water surface alarms.
- ◆ Completely remove pool covers when the pool is in use.
- ◆ Make sure proper safety equipment is located near the pool.
- ◆ Store water toys away from the pool when the toys are not in use.
- ◆ Don't assume young children will use good judgment and caution around water.
- ◆ Be prepared for emergencies. Have a first-aid kit and emergency medical telephone numbers. Learn CPR.
- ◆ Know if your child's friends have home pools.

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