



PARENTS PREVENTING CHILDHOOD DROWNING

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DROWNING IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF CHILDREN AGED 1-4

Help us change this statistic.



NOTHING REPLACES CONSTANT SUPERVISION

70% of preschoolers who drown are in the care of ONE OR BOTH parents at the time of drowning.

Drowning takes the lives of 3 children in the U.S. everyday. Another 5 children will receive ER care due to a non-fatal drowning accident.

It's not a lack of supervision, but a LAPSE of supervision that can put a child at risk.



SWIM LESSONS SAFETY

Do Your Research

Select an effective swimming program that will teach your child to roll on to their back and float face up. Floating is a crucial life saving technique. Be cautious of programs that ONLY promote water acclimation. These may create a dangerous situation for your child. If your child loves the water, but does not have the skills to save themselves, then the risk of drowning increases.

POOL SAFETY

Layers of protection are vital:

- Constant Supervision
- Designate a Water Watcher
- 4 sided Fences with Self-Latching Gates
- Remove Temptation by Cleaning up Toys in and Around the Pool
- Learn CPR
- Remove Pet Doors
- Alarms and Locks that Lead to the Pool
- Check Pool First if a Child is Missing



OPEN WATER SAFETY

Wear Coast Guard approved life jackets around oceans, rivers, lakes, on water craft and when participating in water sports.

80% of children under 13 who drowned in a boating accident were not wearing life jackets.

When at the beach, check surf conditions before entering the water. Swim in a lifeguard protected area. Dress your child in bright colors.