

Watch Kids Around Water

Basic safety tips

Inside the house

- ◆ Never leave small children alone near any container of water. This includes toilets, tubs, aquariums, or mop buckets.
- ◆ Keep bathroom doors closed and secure toilet lids with lid locks.
- ◆ Never leave a baby alone in a bath for any reason. Get the things you need before running water. Infants can drown in any amount of water. So if you must leave the room take the child with you.
- ◆ Warn babysitters or caregivers about the dangers of water to young children and stress the need for constant supervision.
- ◆ Make sure small children cannot leave the house through pet doors or unlocked doors and get to pools or hot tubs.

Water safety outside

- ◆ Never leave children alone around with water whether it is in a pool, wading pool, drainage ditch, creek, pond or lake.
- ◆ Constantly watch children who are swimming or playing in water. They need an adult or certified lifeguard watching and within reach.
- ◆ Secure access to swimming pools. Use fences, self-closing and latching gates, and water surface alarms.
- ◆ Completely remove pool covers when the pool is in use.
- ◆ Store water toys away from the water when not in use so they don't attract a small child.
- ◆ Don't assume young children will use good judgment and caution around water.
- ◆ Be ready for emergencies. Keep emergency telephone numbers handy and learn CPR.
- ◆ Find out if your child's friends or neighbors have home pools.



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