

WATER SAFETY

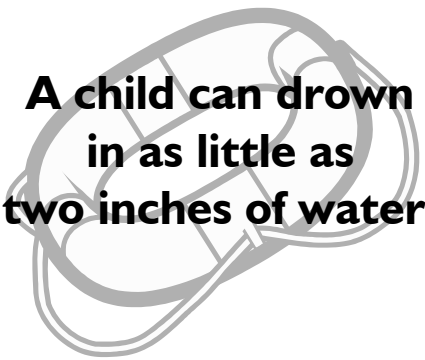
Children and water can be a fatal combination.

Drowning is a quick, silent event.

The good news is, this does not have to happen to your child!

Drowning deaths can be prevented if the right action steps are taken.

- Watch your child in and around water. If your child turns up missing, check bodies of water first.
- Place pool safety barriers between your child and the pool. Pool safety barriers can buy you time if your child gets out of your sight and heads towards the pool.
- Assign a “Water Watcher,” who knows how to swim, to watch over children in the pool during parties.
- Place a phone, life-saving ring and shepherd’s hook at poolside.
- Learn infant/child CPR.
- Remove toys in and around the pool when the pool is not in use.
- Flotation devices such as water wings are considered toys and should not be used as a substitute for watching your child.
- No one is drown proof! Do not assume that your child is safe just because he or she had swimming lessons.
- Water should be drained out of buckets and wading pools when they are not in use.
- Never leave a child unattended in the bathtub or count on a baby bath ring or seat to keep your child safe.



**A child can drown
in as little as
two inches of water.**