

DROWNING

THE PROBLEM

Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of accidental injury-related death among children ages 1 to 4.¹

ESSENTIAL FACTS

- Children can drown in as little as one inch of water and are therefore at risk of drowning in pools, bathtubs, buckets, pet bowls, toilets, and hot tubs.
- More than half of drownings among infants occur in bathtubs.
- Swim aids like water wings and floats are no substitute for adult supervision.
- A caregiver claimed to be supervising the child in nearly 9 out of 10 child drowning-related deaths.



YOUR PRESCRIPTION FOR SAFETY

- Secure pools with 4-5 foot unclimbable fencing with self-closing latch.
- Secure all toilets with toilet locks or bathroom locks.
- Always keep a young child within arm's reach in a bathtub. Never leave to answer the phone, answer the door, get a towel or for any other reason. If you must leave, take the child with you.³
- Move pet water bowls out of children's reach.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD HAS A DROWNING EVENT

1. Remove your child from the water.
2. Perform CPR.
3. Call 911.
4. Call your child's doctor even if your child seems to recover completely.



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