



In one recent year, there were 3,582 fatal, unintentional drownings in the U.S.
THAT'S AN AVERAGE OF 10 DEATHS PER DAY

Drowning Prevention Is Easy!

DID YOU KNOW...?

- More than one in four fatal drowning victims are children 14 and younger.
- For each child that drowns, another four are rushed to the emergency room for non-fatal submersion injuries.
- Males are four times more likely than females to die from unintentional drowning in the United States.
- Of all the children between 1 and 4 years of age that died in 2005, 30% died from drowning.
- Most drowning of children under one year of age occur in bathtubs, buckets and toilets.
- The most common factor among adolescent and adult drownings is the use of alcohol

SUPERVISION:

Never take your eyes off children in the water— not for a minute! Always designate a “pool watcher.”

- Learn how to swim
- Teach children basic water safety
- Know how to respond in water emergencies
- Learn CPR
- Keep rescue equipment and a phone next to the pool
- Never leave children unattended in a bathroom, not even for a second.
- Keep bathroom doors closed & secured with latches on the outside.
- Bath rings are only aids for bathing children. **THEY ARE NOT FLOATION DEVICES.**
- Keep toilet lids closed & install safety latches.
- Empty buckets and containers immediately after use and store upside down out of reach of children.
- Consider removing the inside locks on bathroom doors.

For more information, contact us!

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