



Water Safety

Drowning is one of the leading causes of unintentional death for children. Some tips you should know:

At home

- Never leave a child unattended in a bathtub.
- Empty any container, bucket or tub that has standing water.
- Do not put large dog doors in sliding glass doors leading to the pool or spa area.
- Make sure that doors and windows that lead to the pool or spa area are locked.
- Install safety fencing with self-closing and self-latching gates and alarms on doors and windows that lead to the pool or spa area.

Pools and Spas

- Keep the pool and spa area clear of toys.
- Make sure that pool drains have anti-entrapment covers.

Lakes and Beaches

- Obey all safety signs.
- Watch for rip currents.
- Don't run or dive into the water.

What you can do...

- Sponsor a child to get swim lessons.
- Ensure your family attends a water safety training.
- Pass out water safety information to friends.
- Research pool safety websites.
- Ask your apartment complex or HOA if they will provide water safety brochures to residents.
- Talk about water safety at your child's school.
- Be a water watcher.



LAYERS OF PROTECTION:

- **Education:** Teach age appropriate water safety rules to children.
- **Supervision:** Assign a water watcher. If there is more than one adult, rotate every 15 minutes.
- **Barriers:** Have window, door alarms and /or a pool fence.
- **Emergency preparedness:** Learn CPR.

Drowning can be a silent catastrophe, one that can happen in the few minutes you take to answer a phone call or get a towel.

In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1 .

Some websites:

myflfamilies.com

waterproofFL.com

ndpa.org