



For Water Safety: Drowning Prevention

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Do you have a curious toddler?



As your child grows, think about **water safety** around the house!

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toddler



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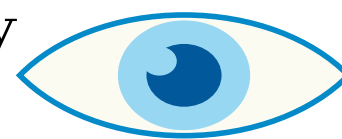
Young children are naturally curious –
and they are quick to discover new things to explore.

After birth defects, drowning is the **No. 1** cause
of death for children ages 1-4. Make sure your home
and any home you visit are as safe as they can be.



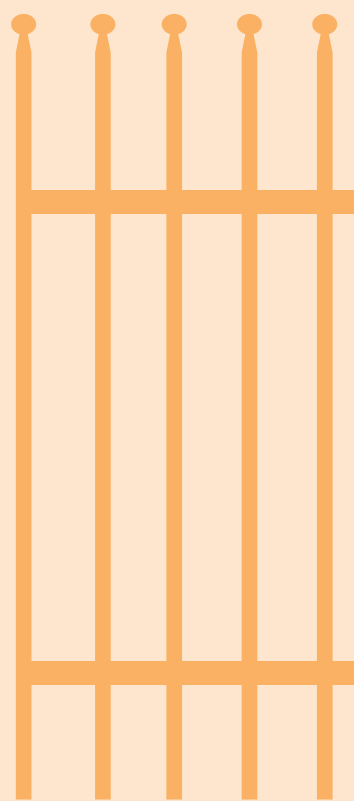
Stay within **arm's reach**
whenever your
child is near
water.

Assign a **water watcher**
– an adult who will pay
constant attention to
children in the water.

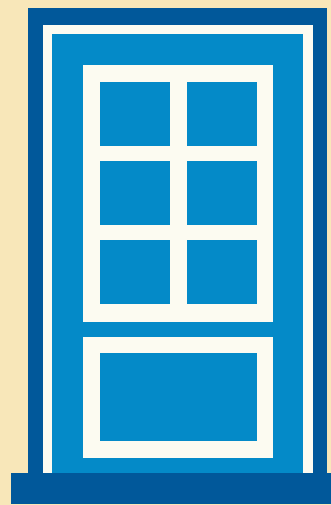


Have a pool?
Be sure it's
surrounded
on all sides by
a fence that is

- At least 4 feet high
- Non-climbable
- Has a self-latching, self-closing gate



Empty
buckets,
bathtubs,
and wading
pools after
each use.



Use safety gates,
or **lock the door**
to the yard or
garage, to keep
your child from
going outside
unnoticed.

Avoid 'floaties.' Instead,
children should
wear **Coast Guard-**
approved life
jackets when in
and around water.



All kids should **learn how**
to swim. Talk with your
pediatrician about whether
your child is ready.



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