

Children Aren't Waterproof



Drowning is one of the major causes of accidental death for American infants and children under the age of five.

This contains tips on how to help prevent these accidents

Drowning Prevention Tips

1. There is no substitute for adequate supervision.
2. Pools and spas are attractive to children, and children must be kept away from them in the absence of adequate supervision. A fence, wall or natural/artificial barrier should completely enclose your pool or spa. All gates or doors leading from the house to the pool area should have a self-closing and self-latching mechanism that protects against unauthorized entry and use. (The inside latch should be above the reach of toddlers or young children.)
3. Check with your state or local government to learn their specific legal requirements concerning fencing around pools and spas. You cannot be too cautious. If your pool, spa or hot tub is indoors, lock the door to the room or have a cover that locks, to keep out children and other unauthorized users.
4. Do not place objects (e.g. chairs or tables) near the pool or spa fence that could allow a youngster to climb over.
5. A clear view of the pool or spa from the house should be ensured by removing vegetation and other obstacles.
6. If you use a pool or spa cover, carefully read and follow the manufacturer's directions for safe installation, use and maintenance. Always completely remove the cover before using your pool or spa, to avoid the possibility of anyone - especially a small child - being trapped and drowning under the cover.
7. Drain any standing water from the surface of your pool or spa cover. An infant or small child can drown in even the smallest amount of water.

If you use any of the lightweight, floating pool or spa covers, be especially alert for the potential for drowning accidents. These covers are not for safety, and no one should ever crawl or walk on them.

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