

PREVENT UNSUPERVISED ACCESS

Be #WaterCautious

Help reduce childhood drowning: Be aware of the potential risks and prevent unsupervised access to pools, spas, bath tubs, buckets, and open bodies of water like rivers, lakes, ponds, and canals. Children can disappear quickly and are attracted to water.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Assess potential risks inside, outside, and near your home, as well as other locations you visit

Install automatic door locks and alarms to prevent access and alert you to someone entering pool area



Install locks on toilet seats and bathroom doors



Empty all buckets of liquid



Install a pool/spa safety cover and remove or restrict access to ladders



Lock pet doors if they open to the pool area



Flip kiddie pools so they don't fill with rain water



Remain alert and designate a #WaterWatcher

Enclose pools with a 4', four-sided fence with a self-closing gate

Where children are most at risk of drowning:

Less than 1 yr:
in a bath



1-4 yrs:
in a home pool



5-17 yrs:
in ponds or lakes



Install fencing and remain alert if you live near open water such as rivers, lakes, ponds, or canals and stay alert if you visit those areas



For more details on preventing unsupervised water access, visit watersafetyusa.org

