



Just a minute...

...the time it takes to answer the door or phone is all it takes for your child to drown.

Here are a few water safety tips to help keep your family safe around the water.

- **Never leave children unattended near water.**
- If your child is missing, **check the water first.**
- Make your pool, spa, creeks, and ponds difficult for children to access by **using fences and/or alarms.**
- **Drain water** from wading pools and buckets when they are not in use.
- Teach children to swim. Even very young children can learn **basic water safety skills.**
- Flotation devices such as life jackets, inner tubes and water wings are not a substitute for **adult supervision.**
- Keep **pool toys** out of the pool when not in use.
- **Learn child/infant CPR.**
- **Keep a phone, a life-saving ring, and hook** next to the pool and easily accessible whenever you are swimming.
- Teach children to **stay away from pool drains** and tie up long hair to avoid entanglement.
- Make sure children swim in **designated swimming areas** of oceans, lakes and rivers.
- **Never dive** in water that is less than 9 feet deep.
- **Watch children closely** when they are playing near standing water such as ditches or wells.
- Never leave children **unattended in the bathtub**, or rely on a baby bath ring or bath seat to keep your child safe.