

Do you have a curious toddler?



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

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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.



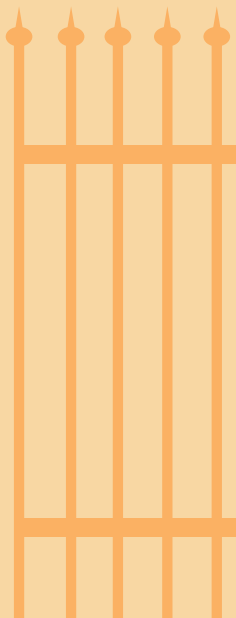
Stay within **arm's reach** whenever your child is near water.

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

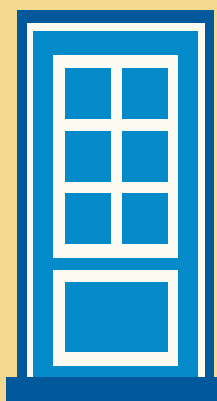


Have a pool? Be sure it's **surrounded on all sides by a fence** that is

- 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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