

# WATER SAFETY

## Drowning: #1 Cause of Accidental Death for Toddlers

### Beware of Danger

A Toddler can die in less than two inches of water.



Toddlers die in...

Pools

Lakes

Bathtubs

Buckets of Water.

### Drowning is Silent & Fast

Supervision is Your Child's Best Protection.

Children Move Quickly.

Don't Assume a Drowning Accident Won't Happen to Your Family.



### Beware of Distractions!

Dangerous Distractions Include:

Phone

TV

Computer

Other Children

Chores

Bathroom Break

Conversations.



## Never Leave Your Child Unattended for Any Reason, Never!

IF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE  
THE WATER AREA  
FOR ANY REASON,  
**TAKE YOUR CHILD  
WITH YOU.**

THIS INCLUDES THE **BATHTUB!**

ONCE YOU LEAVE  
A WATER AREA,  
MAKE SURE THE CHILD  
**CANNOT RETURN**  
WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

## DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE



Florida's Supervised Visitation Programs:  
Protecting Children, Connecting Families

The Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation, Institute for Family Violence Studies,  
College of Social Work, Florida State University

<http://familyvio.csw.fsu.edu>



## SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Have a physical barrier on all four sides of your pool at least 4 feet high.
- ✓ Access through the barrier must have a lock or alarm.
- ✓ Once you leave a water area, make sure the child cannot return without your knowledge.
- ✓ Pool must have a safety device nearby.
- ✓ Children not proficient in swimming must wear a life jacket.
- ✓ Direct supervision must be provided.
- ✓ Steps or ladders must be secured or removed when pool is not in use.
- ✓ Hot tubs must have a safety cover.