General Bathtub Safety

- Never leave your child alone around water, not even for a few seconds, not even to answer the phone, door, or to get something . . . . . Take the child with you!
- Never leave a baby or toddler in a bathtub under the care of another child.
- Always keep an infant or young child within arm’s reach in a bathtub to support them if they slip or fall.
- Use non-skid decals or a mat inside the tub to prevent slipping.
- Use toys in the tub to keep your child busy and sitting down, and away from the faucet.
- Keep the temperature of your water heater below 120°F to prevent burns.
- Unplug all electric items, such as hair dryers and radios.
- Empty the tub immediately.
- Keep the floor and your child’s feet dry to prevent slipping.
- Prepare ahead: have towel, shampoo, wash cloth at hand before starting the bath.

Bathing a Newborn

Extra care is needed when Bathing a newborn

- Have a towel ready right after the bath to wrap your baby; dry and keep warm.
- Follow the doctor’s advice for bathing the umbilical cord and how often to bathe your baby.
- Use warm, not hot, water. Place your elbow under the water to check temperature before putting the baby into the water.
- Wash your baby’s head last so that their head does not get too cold.

General Bathroom Safety

- Place a door knob cover over the outside door handle to the bathroom.
- Never leave your child alone in the bathroom.
- Place a lid lock on the toilet seat to keep a curious toddler from falling into the toilet bowl.
- Never leave a tub filled with water unattended.
Portable Pool Safety

Fence Them!
Cover Them!
Put Them Away!

Portable pools:
- Vary in size & height
- Are easy to use
- Are affordable
- Present a danger to young children

General safety tips around portable pools:
- Empty & put away smaller portable pools after every use.
- When the pool is set up, ensure proper adult supervision.
- Fence portable pools & encourage your neighbors to do the same.
- Cover larger portable pools and safely store access ladders away when adults are not present.

Water SMART Mom Checklist

✓ Learn CPR – it can be a lifesaver when seconds count.
✓ Enroll your child into swim classes, commit to attending each lesson.
✓ Maintain constant eye-to-eye contact; only trust responsible adults to supervise in your absence.
✓ Keep infant and children within arm’s reach at all times when around water.
✓ Do not use bath seats, flotation devices or swimming ability as a substitute for adult supervision.
✓ Install door & window alarms that access to pools, spas and all other bodies of water.

Miscellaneous Drowning Hazards for Infants & Toddlers
- Never leave a bucket of water unattended.
- After using a bucket of water/liquid, empty immediately & store out of reach.
- Buckets left outside can collect rainwater and become a hazard.
- Use safety latches for toilet seats.
- Empty water from sinks, coolers, pails and containers.
- Be aware of leaky faucets that might allow water to accumulate and pose a risk.
- Beware of decorative ponds, fountains, septic tanks & washing machines

The Safety of Your Child

Is Your Responsibility

Protect your child, provide
Close, Constant and Capable Supervision

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