



Infant-Toddler Water Safety Checklist
Drowning Is Preventable, “Watch Your Kid You’ll Be Glad You Did”

Risk Area	Safety Measure	Present	Absent
Lapse in Adult Supervision	Close, constant & capable supervision is provided to infant/toddler		
	Adult supervisor knows CPR with rescue breaths		
	Parent has regular conversations with child about water safety		
	Parent knows how to swim		
	Parent or caregiver knows CPR with rescue breaths		
	Parent does not assign supervision to older sibling or other child		
	Parent is vigilant to ensure toddler does not leave supervised area		
Bathroom	Bathroom door kept locked & able to be opened from outside		
	Bathtubs are emptied immediately after use		
	Older siblings do not supervise infant/toddler during bath time		
	Toilet is closed & equipped with safety lock		
	Infant is never left unattended in bath safety seat		
Body of water in close proximity to home	Pools: in-ground, above-ground, portable		
	Spa, hot tub, pet bowls, any water that can cover mouth & nose		
	Canal, lake, irrigation ditch		
	Bucket, ice chest, containers in yard that accumulate water		
	Ornamental or garden pond		
Use of barriers in place	4-sided fence separating the yard from surrounding water		
	4-sided fence at least 4 foot tall surrounds pool & isolates access from house and play area		
	Fence free of horizontal slats that might allow child to climb over		
	Fence free of gaps of no more than 4 inches		
	Self-closing/self-latching gate(s)		
	Doors alarms installed to alert child leaving home unsupervised		
	Door alarms & locks are at least 54 inches from the floor		
	Pet doors secured to prevent child from crawling to outside area		
	Climbable items, including shrubs, chairs are away from pool fence		
Swimming Pools	Pool/deck area clear of toys that entice unsupervised child to seek		
	Ladders to above ground pool, spa, hot tub removed after each use		
	Lifesaving devices – life rings, rescue tubes are in pool area		
	Portable pool emptied immediately after use		
	Pool covers in place & support the weight of 485 pounds		
	Water is clear, clean & the bottom of the pool is clearly visible		

Responding to a drowning requires immediate bystander action, act quickly, minutes can save a life:

1. Remove the child from the water immediately
2. Place the child on his /her back
3. Get another adult to call 9-1-1, if alone & know CPR with rescue breaths, begin CPR for 2 minutes, then call 9-1-1
4. Begin CPR with rescue breathing until the child is revived or emergency help arrives