



SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Bathtub Soft Spout Covers
- Bath Thermometer
- Toilet Seat Locks
- Non-skid Mats
- Outlet Plugs and Covers
- Cabinet Locks/Drawer Latches
- Safety Gates
- First Aid Kit
- Door Knob/Handle Locks



To learn more about Baby Safety, visit the following safety sources online:

www.cpsc.gov

www.saferproducts.gov



Many baby products have newer and better safety standards. If you borrow or use older nursery products or toys, make sure they have not been recalled for safety hazards and that they meet current safety requirements. Call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772 or visit their web site (see above).

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WATER SAFETY

Message for Parents and Caregivers

While you may be aware of the dangers a backyard pool poses to young children, not everyone knows about other drowning hazards around the home.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission offers the information in this brochure to help prevent a child from drowning.

General Water Safety Tips

- **Maintain constant supervision.**
Watch children around any water environment (pool, stream, lake, tub, hot tub, toilet, bucket of water), no matter what skills your child has acquired and no matter how shallow the water.
- **Don't rely on substitutes.**
The use of flotation devices and inflatable toys cannot replace parental/caregiver supervision. Such devices can suddenly shift position, lose air or slip out from underneath a child, creating a drowning hazard.
- **Parents/caregivers should take an infant and child CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) course.**
Knowing these skills is important around the water and will expand your capabilities to provide care for your child... it's a simple step that can save a life.



Water Safety Tips

Young children are irresistibly drawn to water. These general water safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission can help you keep your child safe in and around your home, pools and spas.

Recall Notification

Visit cpsc.gov to sign up for e-mail alerts about all product recalls announced by CPSC or download the recalls.gov app to access recall notices on your smartphone.

Log on to Toysrus.com/Safety to sign up to receive e-mail alerts when a product sold by Toys"R"Us or Babies"R"Us has been recalled.

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POOL, SPA AND HOT TUB SAFETY

- Enroll children in a water safety course or learn-to-swim program as young as you feel is appropriate. No one is “drownproof,” but water skills and behaviors can be learned.
- Never leave a child unobserved in a pool. Adult supervision is essential and all non-swimmers should be kept within reach. A parent’s/caregiver’s eyes must be on the child at all times.
- Keep a telephone handy by the pool so you can call 9-1-1 in an emergency.
- Keep rescue equipment by the pool.
- Enclose all pools completely with a barrier. Fences should be at least four feet high and have self-closing, self-latching gates. Layers of protection are essential. Install and use door and pool alarms and pool safety covers.
- Always lock or remove ladders from aboveground pools after use. Remove all toys from pools when not in use to avoid children being tempted to retrieve them.
- Hot tubs pose a drowning risk to children and overheating risks to very young children.
- Always secure safety covers and barriers to prevent children from gaining access to spas or hot tubs when not in use.
- If a child is missing, always look in the pool or spa first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability.
- Prevent entrapments. Suction from a pool or spa’s drain can be powerful enough to trap an adult. Do not use a pool or spa if there are broken or missing drain covers. Ask your pool service operator if the pool’s drains are compliant with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.



BATH SAFETY



Bath Safety

- Do NOT leave a baby unattended for even a second. If you need to leave the bathroom, take the baby with you. Do not rely on older children to watch the baby for you.
- Before you begin bathing your child, have all supplies within arm’s reach and in front of you.
- Baby bathtubs are not substitutes for supervision. They are only bathing aids, not safety devices. Always stay within arm’s reach when the child is in the bathtub.
- Never leave a child unattended while filling the bathtub and always empty bath water immediately after use. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water.
- Test water temperature with your elbow or a thermometer. Temperature should be between 90 and 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Consider placing a latch on the bathroom door to keep children out of the bathroom when unsupervised.
- Keep the toilet lid down to prevent access to the water, and consider using a toilet seat lock to stop children from opening the lid.

Safety Around the House

Never leave a container such as a bucket with even a small amount of liquid unattended. When finished using a container, empty it immediately. Do not leave empty containers outside in the yard or around the house where they may accumulate water and attract young children.

Other items that contain liquids that may be hazardous are sinks, coolers, fish tanks, and landscape ponds.

For Water Safety at Home

The items below are samples of safety products to consider for your home.

- Toilet seat lock
- Bath thermometer
- Cabinet locks
- Safety gates
- Door latch