

**BATHTUB  
RINGS  
& SEATS**

The Drowning Prevention Foundation is concerned that your children grow up in a safe environment.

We believe that the use of a bath seat or ring falsely increases a parent or caregiver's comfort zone. These products are not safety devices and should not be used as such.

Constantly supervise your children.  
**NEVER LEAVE YOUR CHILD ALONE FOR EVEN A SECOND!**

**A child can drown in the time it takes to answer the phone.**

**Mission Statement**

The goal of the Drowning Prevention Foundation is to reduce the frequency of drowning and near drowning incidents in children under the age of five through the use of public information, coalition building, education and policy change.

For more information about water safety for infants and toddlers and to find out how you can help, please contact:



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**P**arents and caregivers of babies need to be aware of the potential hazards in their environment, hazards caused through the misuse of products and products poorly designed by manufacturers.

Often bath rings are mistaken for “safety rings” **This could not be further from the truth!**

Putting a child into an infant bathtub seat or ring can be a risky business. Bathtub seats or rings often give parents or caregivers a false sense of security, increasing the chance they will leave a baby unattended. Suction cups often fail to hold, and will not adhere to textured or slip resistant bath surfaces.

Numerous infants have drowned in bathtub seats when they were left unsupervised by an adult.

This year an estimated 100 drownings will occur in bathtubs. Half of these drownings will be infants under 12 months of age.

## Safety Tips

1. **Never rely on bath rings or seats to keep baby safe!**
2. **Never leave a child alone in the bathtub or near any toilet, or container of water.**
3. **Never rely on a sibling to supervise an infant.**
4. **Only fill the tub with enough water to cover the infant’s legs. Beware: A child can drown in as little as one inch of water!**
5. **Learn CPR for infants. Accidents around water DO occur. Be prepared!**
6. **Remember: It only takes 3 minutes or less for a baby to drown!**
7. **Drowning is a silent killer, your child will not cry out.**

Studies clearly show that in almost every drowning instance the infant was left unsupervised.

## Typical Drowning Scenarios

**Tipping Over** - The suction cups unexpectedly release, allowing the device with baby to tip over into the water.

**Entrapment** - Baby slips between the legs of the bath ring and becomes trapped under water.

**Climbing Out** - Baby climbs out of the product and drowns.

**A Tragic Story:** A baby was playing in a bath seat. The doorbell rang and the mother left for a moment believing the seat would keep her infant safe. While away, the infant reached over for a toy and the suction bottom came loose. The child tipped face down into the water. The mother returned quickly but it was still too late.



**Bath seats and rings do not keep your baby safe!**