

Drowning is Silent



There are **NO WARNING SOUNDS** or splashing sounds associated with a drowning accident.

- S**wimming Pools in backyards account for over half of the 54 drowning deaths of children 0-5 years old each year.
- I**nstall alarms on house doors and windows leading to a pool area.
- L**ayers of protection include adult supervision, fences, gates, latches, safety pool covers, alarms, education, throwing aids, and rescue techniques.
- E**ye. Adults should keep a constant eye on children in or near any water including bathtubs, buckets, toilets, ponds, spas and pools.
- N**ever leave a child alone near water. Check the pool first if a child is missing.
- T**ouch. Designate an adult to be close enough to reach out and touch the child under 4 years old while being supervised in the water.



Drowning is Preventable!

The Department of Developmental Services, the Department of Public Health & the Department of Social Services, and the Drowning Prevention Foundation.

www.dds.ca.gov/drowning | www.drowningpreventionfoundation.org