Drowning is silent. There are NO WARNING or splashing SOUNDS associated with a drowning accident.

Six ways to have a safe summer...

**S**wim Skills
Teach your child(ren) to swim at an early age, as backyard swimming pools account for over half of drowning deaths for children 0-5 years old each year.

**I**nstall Alarms
Install alarms on house doors and around pool area.

**L**ayers of Protection
Layers of protection include adult supervision, fences, gates, latches, safety pool covers, 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
Never 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.

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**Signs of Distress**
- Head tilted back
- Hair over forehead
- Body is vertical
- Can’t call for help
- Can’t wave for help
- “Climbing ladder” motion

**DID YOU KNOW...**
Drowning is the leading cause of death for toddlers 1-4 years old.

68% In general, boys are two times more likely to drown in a pool than girls.

2/3 2/3 of fatal drownings occur between May and August for most age groups.

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