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Drowning is one of the leading causes of child deaths each year. Keep your kids safe around water by following these simple guidelines:

- Never leave a child unattended around water.
- Teach your child to swim at an early age – always have an ADULT supervising.
- Flotation devices or inflatable toys are not substitutes for supervision.
- Don’t mix alcohol and supervision of children near water.
- Enclose pools completely with a self-locking, self-closing fence, and don’t leave furniture around that children can use to climb over the fence.
- Never leave toys in the pool – children may be tempted to reach for them later.
- Be sure that the adult watching your child knows how to swim, get emergency help and perform CPR.
- Keep rescue equipment (such as life preserver or shepherd’s hook) and a telephone near the pool.
- Be sure to remove pool covers completely to reduce the risk of children getting caught underneath.
- Always drain and store in an upright position all plastic or blow-up wading pools after use.
- Secure the pool so that children cannot get back in after they are finished swimming.