



County of Santa Clara
Emergency Medical Services System
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Pool Safety



Every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger. Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States.¹

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Drowning is a leading cause of injury death for young children ages 1 to 4, and the fifth leading cause of unintentional injury death for people of all ages. For children ages 1 to 4 years, swimming pools pose the greatest risk of submersion injury.

What factors influence drowning risk?

- Lack of Swimming Ability
- Lack of Barriers
- Lack of Close Supervision
- Failure to Use/Wear Life Jackets
- Seizure Disorders
- Alcohol

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



How you can Reduce the Risk

A swimming pool can be a great source of family fun, but it's important to make safety a priority in and around the water. Some of the most effective ways to prevent drowning include four-sided fencing, swimming lessons, life jackets, and supervision/lifeguarding. Knowing CPR can also save the life of someone who drowns. For best protection, combine several safety measures to most effectively reduce drowning risks.¹

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