ALWAYS PUT SAFETY FIRST!

Other water hazards for children can include:

- Buckets
- Bathtubs
- Ponds
- Dog bowls
- Water temperature (water heater should be no hotter than 120° Fahrenheit)
- Slips and falls in pool areas or in the bathtub
- Electrical appliances/devices near tub (hair dryers, curling irons, electric razors, etc.)
- Remember to practice water safety on vacation and while at the beach
- Currents/Riptides

RESOURCES

Swim Lessons
To find your nearest YMCA:
www.manateeymca.org
G.T. Bray Aquatic Center
(941) 742-5932
East Bradenton Aquatic Center
(941) 742-5948

CPR Training
Bradenton Fire Department
(941)932-9600

Manatee Technical College
(941) 752-8100 x 2156
www.manateetech.edu

American Heart Association
To find a scheduled class near you:
www.heart.org

Red Cross
To find your nearest Red Cross:
www.redcross.org

City of Bradenton
Fire Department
1010 9th Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
(941) 932-9600

Chuck Edwards
Fire Chief
All too often, firefighters hear people say, “it was just a few seconds.” Unfortunately, just a few seconds is all it takes for a child to drown.

Each year, nearly 300 children under the age of five drown in pools and spas. Submersion incidents requiring emergency-room treatment or hospitalization number in the thousands and many of these young victims experience permanent disability, including brain damage.

This CAN be prevented!

- Know where your children are. Never assume that someone is watching your children.
- Use an approved child barrier to separate the pool from the house and separate the pool from the yard.
- Be sure to have window/door “in” pool motion alarms to alert you if your child leaves the house to the pool area. (And replace batteries as needed!)
- Learn to swim and teach your children to swim!
- Get training in basic water rescue skills and CPR.
- Keep a phone at the pool and teach your children how and when to call 9-1-1
- If you leave the pool area, take your children with you.
- Never swim alone or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never swim when thunder and lightening are present.
- Never dive into unfamiliar bodies of water.
- Remember that babies are top-heavy and can not lift up their upper bodies – even an inch of water is potentially life threatening.
- Be sure you have the proper drain cover for your pool/spa, as drains can cause entrapments.
- Always have a designated “child watcher.”