

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



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Water Safety

Prevention Tips

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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 lightning 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.”

