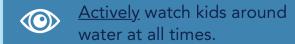


SWIM SAFETY





Surround pools with fences.

KEY FACTS

63

children drowned between 2020-2022

52%

drowned without adult supervision

38%

drowned in areas without protective barriers

47

children **hospitalized** due to nonfatal drownings, which can lead to lifelong disabilities

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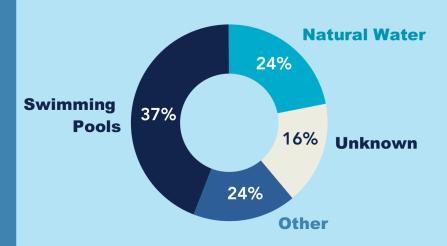
Every drowning is preventable.

Louisiana has the highest drowning rates in the United States for children.

Drowning is the **3rd leading cause of death** among children ages 1 to 14 years old in Louisiana.

Between 2020-2022, most drownings occurred in swimming pools.

Drownings can also happen in unexpected places (noted as "other" in the chart below) like bathtubs, canals, buckets, sewers, storm drains, and fountains.



Sources: 1. CDC Wonder, 2020-2022 2. LA Office of Vital Records, The National Center for Child Death Review 3. LA Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data 4. poolsafely.gov

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