

Water Safety in the Home

Kids love water!

Most kids like to play in water. In the Northern Territory water and recreation come hand in hand. But waterways can be dangerous.

Kidsafe NT encourages you to use the tips in this flyer to help keep your children safe in and around water. Talk to your children about water safety so they know the rules and can respect safety in and around water.



Indoors.

- At bath time, take babies and young children with you if you need to answer the phone or leave the room.
- Ensure nappy buckets have a tight fitting lid and are stored out of reach.
- Ensure indoor spas have a lockable door and are emptied immediately after use.
- Ensure all buckets are empty and use minimal water in animal water bowls.
- Remember burns and scalds can be caused by hot water. Turn cold water on first, add hot water and turn cold water off last. Water Safety includes reducing water burns.

Outdoors.

- Outdoor spas need to be fenced the same as swimming pools.
- Empty paddling pools immediately after use and store upright.
- Cover post holes or trenches during building and the wet season.
- After heavy rain, check your yard and empty any water that collects in containers.
- Know the pool fencing legislation that applies to your property.
- Put a fence around any blow up pools that are deeper than 30cms.
- Keep children away from flooded pipes and drains.

Think water safety.

- **Always supervise children near water.**
- Teach your child how to swim and be confident around water yourself.
- Affix a resuscitation chart in the pool area.
- Never leave climbable items against the fence or prop pool gates open.
- Regularly check and maintain barrier fences and self closing gates and pools.
- Learn how to give resuscitation or take a refresher course. This saves lives.
- When visiting friends or family look out for and correct drowning hazards and always keep them in your sight particularly in unfamiliar locations.

MORE INFORMATION

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