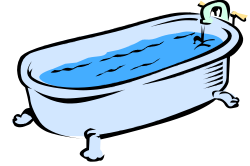




Information for You from Your Health Care Team

Bath Tub Safety



- ❖ Place non skid decals or a mat inside the tub to prevent slipping.
- ❖ Cover the spout with a soft sponge-like cover to prevent burns from hot faucets and injuries caused by bumping into them.
- ❖ Teach your child never to touch the spigots to avoid accidentally turning on the water.
- ❖ Keep all adult bathing items, shampoo, shaving cream razors etc. out of your child's reach.
- ❖ Never have any appliances, such as a hair dryer, radio, curling iron, razor, plugged in when your child is in the bathroom.
- ❖ Clean up any spills and dry your child's feet right after a bath to prevent slips.
- ❖ Never leave a child under the age of 6 unattended in the tub. Do not have older siblings who are bathing with younger ones responsible for their safety.
- ❖ Never run in the bathroom, where it may be slippery.
- ❖ Dry the bathroom floor, and be sure the tub is completely empty before you leave.
- ❖ Install an anti-scald valve on the hot water heater to keep the temperature below 120°
- ❖ Put a lid lock on the toilet to prevent toddler drowning.
- ❖ Store medicine soaps and cleaning products high in a locked cabinet.
- ❖ Medicines in general should not be stored in the bathroom because the heat and humidity may affect their potency.

Speak up if you have any questions or concerns



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Children drowning in bathtubs account for about two-thirds of the 459 reported drowning deaths in the home. The majority of these bathtub deaths occur when the caregiver is not present. In the time it takes to step out of the room to get a towel or answer the phone, a young child can drown.