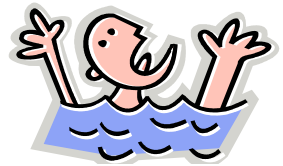




Information for You from Your Health Care Team

Drowning Facts

- There were 3,281 drownings in 2000 in the United States.
- 78% of all drowning in the United States in 2001 were of males.
- In 2001, 859 children ages 0 to 14 died from drowning.
- Drowning remains the 2nd leading cause of injury related death for children ages 1 to 14.
- Among children ages 1 to 4, most drownings occur in home swimming pools.
- Alcohol is involved in 25 to 50% of teen and adult deaths that occur with water sports.
- The U.S. Coast Guard estimates that 9 of 10 drowning victims were **not** wearing a life jacket.



Drowning Prevention Tips

- Never leave a child alone near any amount of water.
- Remove toys from your pool when not in use; toys can attract children to a pool.
- Have children over age three take swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors.
- Always swim with a buddy.
- Do not dive into unknown bodies of water
- Do not push others into the water.
- Do not drink alcohol when swimming or operating a boat.

Speak up if you have any questions or concerns