

IN THE HOME

WATER SAFETY CHECKLIST

Ensuring the safety of your home environment is crucial for preventing potential water-related accidents involving young children. Here are some quick checks you can do at your home to keep your loved ones safer.

BATHROOM SAFETY

- Secure Toilet Lids:** Install toilet lid locks and be sure to consistently re-latch them to prevent access by young children.
- Bathroom Door Locks:** Keep safety locks on all bathroom doors securely latched to prevent unsupervised access.
- Supervised Bath Time:** Always remain present, close, and attentive with children during bath time. Never leave them unattended.
- Toy Storage:** Immediately put away all bath toys after use. Ensure no toys are left in or near the bathtub or toilet to avoid attracting children back to the water.
- Drain Unused Water:** Make it a routine to drain all sinks, bathtubs, and any containers with water immediately after use. You can even teach your kids how to open the drain to empty the tub at the end of bath time!

HOME ENTRY POINTS

- Safety Locks:** Install safety locks that are out of reach of young children. Locks can be placed on doors and windows leading to outdoor areas, especially those with pools, ponds, or other water features nearby.
- Door and Window Alarms:** Install alarms on doors and windows that alert you via chime or that send an alert to your phone. Regular maintenance for these is necessary. Check and change batteries regularly and ensure that no corrosion has taken place on your units.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Emergency Plan:** Regularly review and update your displayed emergency plan, ensuring it is easily accessible and understood by all household members.
- Contact Information:** Keep a list of emergency contact information, including phone numbers for local emergency services, poison control, and a trusted neighbor or relative, in a prominent and accessible location.
- First Aid and CPR:** Ensure that all adult members of the household are trained in first aid and CPR, equipping them with the skills to respond effectively in case of an emergency.

Remember to regularly communicate with children about the dangers of water and establish clear rules for water use inside and outside the home.

Walking through these steps can significantly reduce the risk of accidental drownings or water-related injuries. Stay vigilant and make water safety a priority in your home!

Discuss and follow all 5 Layers of Protection. Visit [NPDA.org/layers](https://www.npdpa.org/layers) for additional information.

