



The Georgia Children's Cabinet formed the Water Safety Subcommittee to address water safety needs facing our state. The Child Fatality Review shows that there were 129 child drowning deaths from 2009 to 2012, with an average of 32 per year in Georgia. To help spread awareness and prevention, the Water Safety Subcommittee created SPLASH GA as their all-encompassing water safety campaign message. If each family adopts and shares these techniques, Georgia is one step closer to a safer state for its children and families.



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**Supervision:**

There should always be an adult present when a child is around water, and they must have their eyes on the child at all times.

**Prevention:**

Fence and gates around pools are some of many barriers that keep children away from the water. Drain covers can prevent entrapment in pool and hot tub drains and broken or loose covers should be fixed immediately.

**Look before you leap:**

Always be aware of your surroundings. Before jumping into any bodies of water, especially lakes and rivers, be careful of how deep it is. Certain spots can be deeper than they look.

**Arms-length (Safe rescue):**

Adults should be arms-length to children in water, especially while bathing, to ensure safe rescue. If a child is in danger, pool safety tools should be close by at all times such as a life hook and life float. Do not jump into the water if you cannot swim.

**Swim Lessons:**

Learning how to swim with swimming lessons can prevent a lot of water related accidents. Find classes in your community or your local Red Cross or YMCA.

**Have a water safety plan:**

A family can work together to come up with their own water safety plan so everyone will know what to do in case an emergency arises. Create one with your family today!