

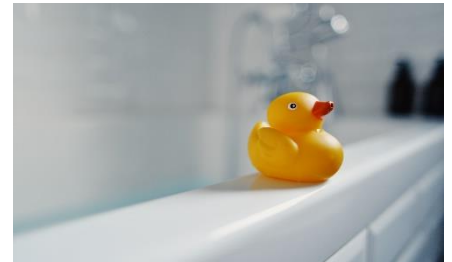
WATER SAFETY ADVICE FOR THE HOME



Drowning happens silently. A drowning child can't speak or control their arms. It's only in the movies they splash about and cry for help.

Baths - At home, younger children are most likely to drown in the bath or garden pond. There may be no warning that something is wrong, as babies drown silently in as little as 5 cm of water.

- A baby should never be left alone even for a moment
- Bath seats are not float aids
- Get everything you need ready before bath time so you're not tempted to nip to grab anything
- Don't rely on your toddler to keep an eye on the baby as they're still too young to understand danger.



Paddling Pools and Ponds - Drain paddling pools when not in use and cover garden ponds securely if fencing isn't an option.

- Empty the paddling pool out after you've used it
- Turn a pond into a sandpit, or fence it in or cover it while your children are little
- Make sure your child can't get to the neighbour's pond
- Be alert to ponds or pools when visiting other people's homes
- Ensuring fencing is used around residential swimming pools



Hot Tubs:

Many families have hot tubs in their gardens or visit friends who have. one. **Never leave a hot tub lid off** and always replace the cover even if you are going inside for just a short amount of time. Babies and young children are naturally inquisitive and can easily climb in to explore..

