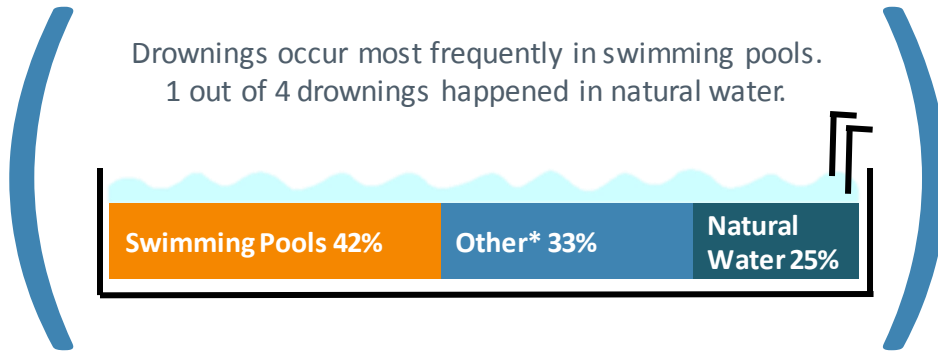# DROWNING
It happens more often than you think...

Louisiana had the **highest rate of drownings in the U.S.** for children ages 1-14 years.[1]

Drowning was the **2nd leading cause of death** for Louisiana children of this age group (2015-2017).[2]

Drownings occur most frequently in swimming pools.
1 out of 4 drownings happened in natural water.

Swimming Pools 42%	Other* 33%	Natural Water 25%

68 Kids drowned in 2015-2017

43% No fences

52% No supervision

*This OTHER is a big deal. 1/3 of drownings happened in something other than a pool or natural water:

- Bathtub
- Canal
- Bucket
- Pond
- Sewer
- Storm drain
- Fountain
- Other

Near drowning is also serious.
Each year about 20 children ages 1 – 4 are hospitalized because of near drownings – which can lead to life long disabilities.
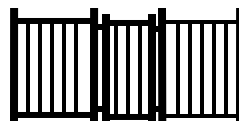
ALL DROWNINGS ARE PREVENTABLE!

Let's SWIM!
Let's do what we can to prevent drownings.

Watch kids at all times, near all water.

Surround pools with fences.

Learn water safety skills.

The YMCA offers free or low cost classes that teach kids how to swim and water safety skills.
For more information, visit your local YMCA or www.ymca.net/watersafety

Sources: 1. CDC Wonder, 2015-2017 2. LA Office of Vital Records, The National Center for Child Death Review 3. LA Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data 4. poolsafely.gov