

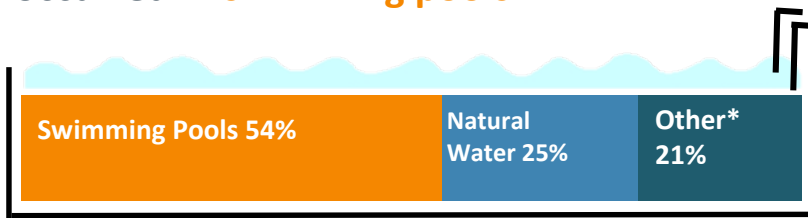
DROWNING

It happens more often than you think...



Louisiana tied for the **2nd highest rate of drownings in the U.S.** for children ages 1-14.¹
Drowning is the **3rd leading cause of death** for Louisiana children of this age group (2018-2020).²

Between 2018-2020, most drownings occurred in **swimming pools**.



However, the ***OTHER category is a big deal.**

While most drownings occur in pools or natural water, drownings can also happen in unexpected places, including:

- Bathtubs
- Buckets
- Storm drains
- Canals
- Sewers
- Fountains

Near drowning is also serious.

Between 2018 – 2020, an additional 51 children ages 1 – 14 were hospitalized in Louisiana because of near drownings. These injuries can lead to lifelong disabilities.

57
Kids drowned in 2018-2020

51%
In areas with no protective barriers

74%
Without adult supervision

EVERY DROWNING IS 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.



Teach water safety skills.



Sources: 1. CDC Wonder, 2018-2020 2. LA Office of Vital Records, The National Center for Child Death Review 3. LA Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data 4. poolsafely.gov

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