

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 continues to be the **2nd leading cause of death** for Louisiana children of this age group (2015-2017, 2016-2018).²

Between 2016-2018, drownings occurred most frequently in **swimming pools**.



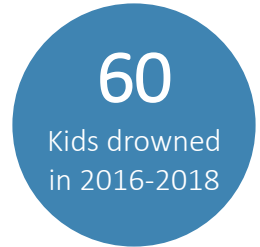
However, this ***OTHER** is a big deal.

While most drownings occurred in swimming pools, drownings can still happen in something other than a pool or natural water:

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

Near drowning is also serious.

In 2018, 12 children ages 1 – 14 years were hospitalized in Louisiana because of near drownings, which can lead to lifelong disabilities.



ALL DROWNINGS ARE PREVENTABLE!

Learn water safety skills



Swim in designated areas



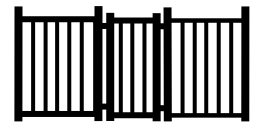
Wear Coast Guard approved life vests



Watch kids at all times, near all water



Surround pools with fences



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, 2016-2018 2. LA Office of Vital Records, The National Center for Child Death Review 3. LA Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data 4. poolsafely.gov