DROWNING
It happens more often than you think...

Louisiana had the 4th highest rate of drownings in the U.S. for children ages 1-14 years.\(^1\)
Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of death for Louisiana children of this age group (2017-2019).\(^2\)

Between 2017-2019, drownings occurred most frequently in **swimming pools**.

**Swimming Pools 63%**

### Other\(^*\) 18%

- Natural Water 19%

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, including:

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

Near drowning is also serious.

In 2019, 25 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


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