



The following is a public service announcement for Safe Boating Week: **Tuesday**

...Pool safety/Drowning Prevention...

In the pool, at the beach or even in your bathroom, water can be dangerous to your kids if you don't take the right precautions. A drowning can happen any time of year, but parents need to be particularly vigilant during warmer months, when the number of drownings skyrockets.

One of the leading causes of unintentional death for children under age 14 is drowning, with home swimming pools and spas being the most common site for a drowning to occur. Pools and spas can pose a risk of entrapment for children. Warn your children about the dangers of drain entanglement and entrapment and teach them to:

Never play or swim near drains or suction outlets.

Never swim in a pool or hot tub that has a broken, loose or missing drain cover.

Install protection to prevent entrapment if you own a pool or hot tub.

You can help to prevent drowning accidents at home by:

Actively supervising your children around water at all times.

Making sure your pool has proper fencing and a self-closing, self-latching gate to prevent a child from wandering into the pool area unsupervised. In addition, hot tubs should be covered and locked when not in use.

Installing a door alarm, a window alarm or both to alert you if a child wanders into the pool area unsupervised.

From the start, teach children to never go near or in water without an adult present.

Enroll your child in swimming lessons.

Learn CPR and know how to respond in water emergencies.

To learn more on boating and water safety, visit the Northeast Wisconsin Safe Boating Website at **www.weather.gov/grb/?n=boating**

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