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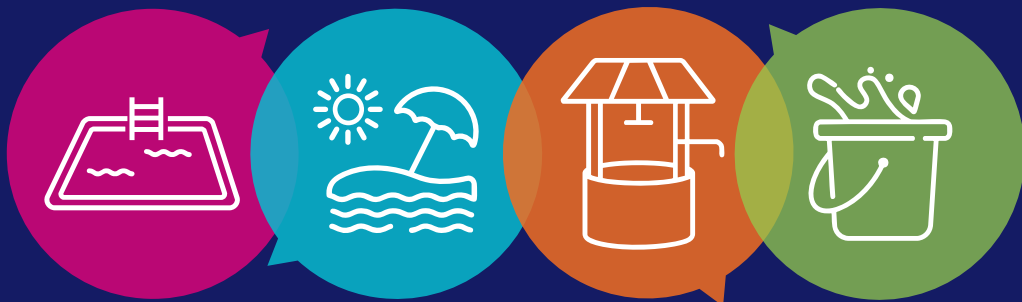
Supervising children near water

According to the World Health Organization, children under five account for about one quarter of all drowning deaths globally.

There are several reasons children are more vulnerable to drowning:

- They are less aware of the risks of water
- They may be too young to have learned to swim
- They can drown quickly without help.

Even shallow water can be dangerous to children. This includes...



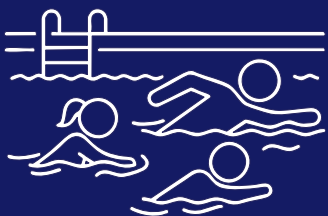
pools, the beach, wells and – for small children – buckets of water.

As an adult, you can keep children safe around water by supervising them closely and talking to them about the risks.

Safety tips



Always watch children closely near water. Supervising children near water is always essential, whether they are swimming, playing or walking.



Teach children to swim and talk to them about the risks of water. As well as learning how to swim, it is important children understand the risks associated with water, including how to recognise deep water, strong currents, slippery edges and sudden drops.



Use fencing and barriers. Install barriers to help control children's access to water, such as well coverings, doorway barriers and playpens, and fencing for swimming pools.

For more information, visit the RoSPA website:
rospa.com/water-safety

