

All Water. All the Time.
All of us, Louisiana.

Water safety is a job for everyone.

In 2024, Louisiana had the third-highest rate of drowning among children in the nation.

Drowning is fast, silent, and preventable. It can happen in seconds, anywhere there is water. But simple safety steps can save lives, and together, we can keep children in Louisiana water safe.

Keep Watch. No Distractions.

- Always watch kids in and around water. Drownings can happen anywhere, like bathtubs, pools, hot tubs, lakes, canals, and more.
- Keep young kids and weak swimmers within arm's reach.
- Put phones away and avoid distractions.
- Choose one adult to be the dedicated "Water Watcher" and actively watch kids at all times. After 15 minutes, choose another adult to be the Water Watcher.

Teach Safety Skills

- Teach kids how to swim or sign them up for swim classes.
- Be prepared for life-threatening emergencies by taking a CPR training class.
- Teach kids about the hazards of swimming in open water, like currents, limited visibility, and depth.

Use Barriers and Life Jackets

- Install a pool fence around home pools. A pool fence should surround all sides of the pool and be at least four feet tall with self-closing and self-latching gates.
- Keep kids away from pool drains and other openings.
- Use a life jacket in open water and when boating – every time.

When we all take action, we can prevent drownings in Louisiana.
Practice water safety steps and share these tips with your neighbors, family, and friends.



Learn more about water safety at
getaswimplan.lah.gov



LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S CABINET
OFFICE OF GOV. JEFF LANDRY

