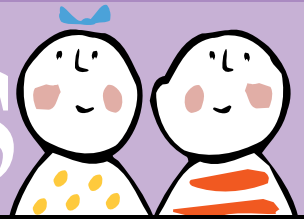




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Safer Swimming

While no swimming is completely safe, there are ways to keep kids safe around water. Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in the U.S. among kids under 15.

Below are some facts about young children who have drowned in pools:

- 70% are in the care of one or both parents at the time
- 75% are missing from sight for five minutes or less.
- 65% of young kids drownings occur in the child's home pool
- 33% occur at the homes of friends, neighbors or relatives

There are 3 areas to focus on to keep kids safe:

Water:

- Install, maintain and use a 4-sided isolation fence
- Have a self-closing, self-latching gate
- Consider hiring a lifeguard for pool parties

Kids:

- Learn to swim by age 8
- Have constant, adult supervision
- Have a designated water watcher (adult)

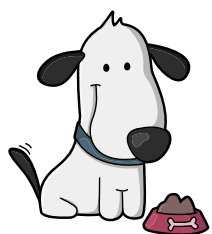
Response:

- Adults should learn CPR and first aid
- Prepare an emergency action plan
- Have a phone by the pool at all times

*Information courtesy of
Swim for Life Foundation*



Dog Bite Bookmarks Now Available!



Dog bites are continually one of the top 10 reasons Connecticut kids go to the emergency room. Safe Kids CT has developed a bookmark on dog bite safety to help teach kids and adults how to interact with dogs. Email us at safekidsct@ccmckids.org to request some today! •

Don't Forget

The 10th Annual Safe Kids Connecticut Injury Prevention Conference is June 10th at the Waterbury Holiday Inn. Visit www.ctsafekids.org to download a registration form. We hope to see you there! •

Did You Know?

Smoke detectors expire after about 10 years. If the smoke detector has a yellow-ish tint to it, it may be time to replace the smoke detector itself. •

CPSC Will Ban Drop Side Cribs This Year

By the end of 2010, it will be illegal to sell a drop-side crib. And public places such as daycare centers and hotels will be prohibited from using them. The federal government is moving to ban drop-side cribs, saying that these cribs with a moveable side poses lethal dangers to children. •



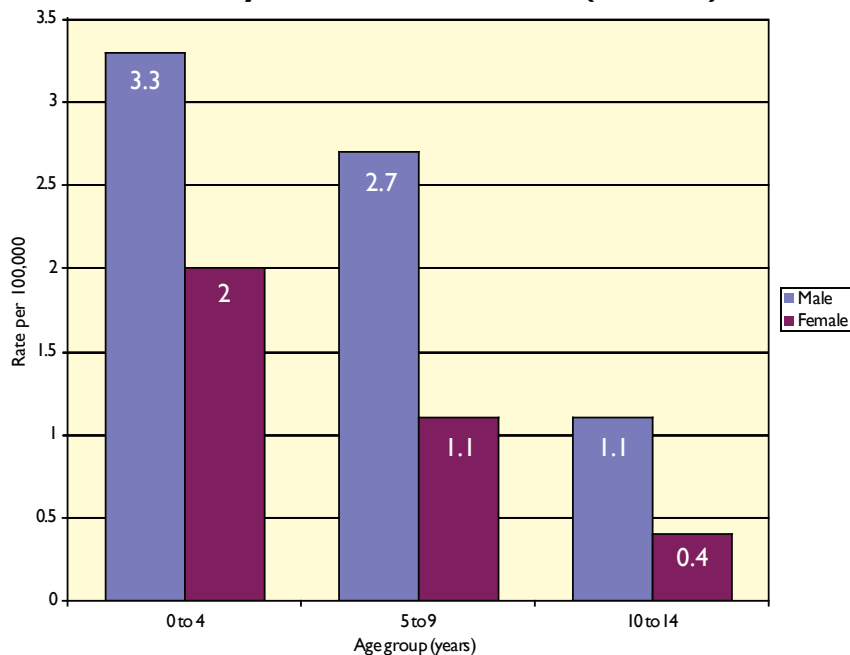
REPORTING ON CHILDHOOD INJURY

Drowning

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Drowning death rates (per 100,000) by age and sex, 0-14 years, 1999-2006, U.S. (n=6,685)



Unintentional drowning death rates vary by age group and sex. Death rates are highest for children 0 – 4 years old. In all age groups, males have a higher death rate than females.

Home pools figure prominently in drownings of young children. A common scenario occurs when a toddler falls into a pool while out of sight of any caretaker; often the child is found soon enough that immediate resuscitation attempts would be effective, but resuscitation is not attempted until the rescue unit arrives, often too late. For this reason, anyone who has a swimming pool should be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Childproof pool fencing that completely surrounds the pool is extremely effective in preventing drowning of young children. •

Source: Centers for Disease Control, WISQARS (Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System).