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- Registration Deadline: August 9, 2016

Tuesday
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Drowning Prevention

Throughout the summer season, many Californians enjoy activities involving swimming at a pool, river, waterpark or beach. Careful vigilance can prevent tragedy, especially drowning.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ten people die from unintentional drowning every day. Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related deaths among children ages five and under. Additionally, children who survive a near drowning incident often suffer permanent brain damage.

Knowing how to prevent drowning is a critical step in keeping children safe and helping them live to their full potential. I urge Californians to enjoy the summer fun, but to follow safety steps, such as constant supervision of children in and around water and the protection of fences, latches, poles, and personal floatation devices.

By Edmund G. Brown Jr, California Governor


Key Prevention Tips

1) Learn life-saving skills

It is essential that everyone learns basic swimming skills and to how to perform CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

2) Fence it off

For parents that possess swimming pools in their homes, it is recommended by the CDC to “install a four-sided fence, with self-closing and self-latching gates around backyard swimming pools” (CDC, 2016). Furthermore, pool fences can help children stay away from swimming pools when they are not supposed to be swimming or playing around the pool.

3) Make life jackets a must

Another key prevention tip is to make child wear life jackets, especially, when swimming in lakes, rivers, or at the beach, regardless if children know how to swim or not. Moreover, children who are not proficient in swimming could benefit from using life jackets in and around pools.

4) Be on the lookout

Drowning is preventable. It is imperative that children are supervised at all times when near water including: pools, bathtubs, rivers, lakes, and the beach. Additionally, drowning in children occurs instantly and quietly. As a result, the CDC recommends that “adults watching children in and near water should avoid distracting activities like playing cards, reading books, talking on the phone and using alcohol or drugs” (CDC, 2016).

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References
