

Turn away for a moment and the

POOL could be

your **CHILD'S**
GRAVE

Drowning is the #1
cause of
death for children
ages 1 to 4 in Broward County



If you could prevent your **child's death**
WOULD YOU?

- ✓ **NEVER** leave children unattended near any body of water—even for a moment. Children can drown in as little as two inches of water in less than one minute.
- ✓ **Install** a self-closing gate around the pool.
- ✓ **Alarm** every door leading to water to alert you if a child has gone outside.
- ✓ **Teach** children water and swimming skills.
- ✓ During pool parties or family beach gatherings, **designate** an adult to watch the children.
- ✓ **Remove** any toys that may attract children to the pool area.
- ✓ **Install** a safety net pool cover to secure the water area.
- ✓ **Install** a poolside, cordless phone.
- ✓ Keep **lifesaving** equipment—a pole, life preserver and rope—in the pool area.
- ✓ Children with long hair should **clip** it back or wear a cap in the pool.
- ✓ **Avoid** keeping water in buckets or other large containers when toddlers are home.
- ✓ **Don't** rely on flotation devices to protect your children in the water.



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DROWNING

Prevention Checklist:

- CONSTANT** adult supervision by an adult who knows how to swim
- Childproof** locks on all doors leading to water
- Gate** or fence surrounding water
- Gate or fence is self-closing with a **lock**
- Pool **cover** is in use
- Alarms** for doors and windows leading to pool are activated
- Child has completed swim **lessons**
- Above-ground pool stairs **removed** when pool not in use
- Lifesaving** equipment in pool area
- Pool chemicals and supplies are **locked** in a secure area
- Child is **watched** in bathtub at all times
- Parent and/or caregiver know **CPR**



If you would like a representative from BSO to speak to your community or organization about drowning prevention, contact your local BSO district office or call **954.831.8210** to schedule an appointment.

Sheriff Al Lamberti

and the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office are committed to keeping children safe.



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For more information about drowning prevention and pool safety, please visit www.sheriff.org/drowning