

Keep young children water safe at home

National statistics show that too many babies and toddlers have water-related accidents at home, including drowning.

Recognising the risks and taking simple measures to avoid an accident can help keep your children safe.



Top tips for bath time

1. Stay close

Young children should always be within arm's reach. It takes seconds for a child to get into difficulty.

2. Don't leave children in charge

Don't leave other children to look after your child in the water. An adult must be present at all times.

3. Be prepared

Bring everything you need into the bathroom before filling the bath with water.

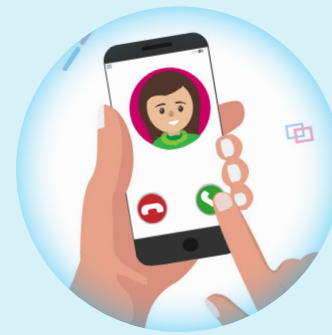


4. Check the temperature

Make sure the water is not too hot before your child gets in the bathtub.

5. Bath seats are not safety equipment

Babies can slip out or the seat can tip over.



6. Avoid distractions

Leave your phone and other devices outside the bathroom.

7. Check that the water has drained away

Toys and sponges can easily block the plughole.

A child can drown in a very small amount of water.



8. Keep things out of reach

Close the bathroom door and keep bath toys out of reach so your child is not tempted to play with water when you are not around.

More home safety tips

1. Keep mop buckets empty of water.

2. In the garden, turn buckets upside down or put them away so they don't collect rainwater.



3. Keep paddling pools folded and out of the way when not in use.

4. Supervise your child all the time whilst they use a paddling pool even if it's a very small one with shallow water.

5. Keep ponds covered or install a guard rail around them.

