Child Drowning in Florida

SURVEILLANCE DATA: 2014

FLORIDA VIOLENCE AND INJURY PREVENTION

There were 297 hospitalizations for non-fatal drowning. Children ages 1–4 accounted for **14.0%** of those who died and **41%** percent of those hospitalized.



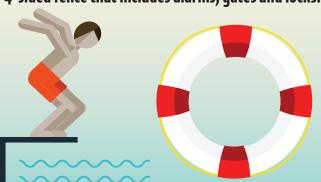
In 2014, 444 Florida residents died from drowning.

The Layers
of Protection
Make Pool Time a
Safer Time

EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY SHOULD KNOW HOW TO SWIM.



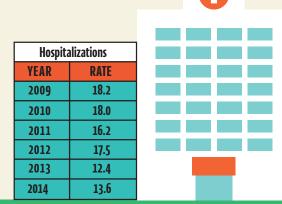
USE BARRIERS Make your home pool safer with a 4-sided fence that includes alarms, gates and locks.



EDUCATE Teach children how to swim. Not every child is ready to swim at the same age so ask your family doctor.

BE READY Learn CPR and get re-certified every 2 years. Keep a phone and safety equipment near the pool.

LEARN MORE: www.watersmartfl.com www.poolsafely.gov www.ndpa.org www.safekids.org



Child Drowning Rates per 100,000

Deaths	
YEAR	RATE
2009	7.0
2010	8.0
2011	7.1
2012	6.5
2013	7.2
2014	6.9

The number of children who drown each year in Florida could fill 3–4 preschool classrooms.

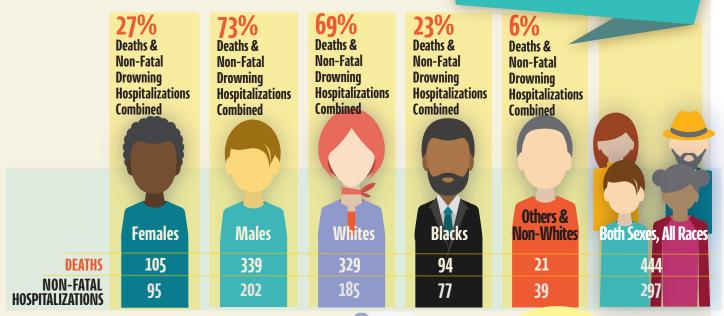
Children ages 1–4 For this age group, drowning is the leading cause of death in Florida. This rate is the highest in the U.S.



Children ages 1–4 had the highest rates of drowning fatalities and non-fatal hospitalization.

Most infant drownings occur in bathtubs and buckets. Children 5+ are most likely to drown in natural bodies of water.

Who is Injured?



\$16,705 was the median admission charge for drowning-related, non-fatal injury hospitalizations.

\$18 million was the total charges exceeded this amount.

2 days was the median length of stay.



WHO PAID?

Medicaid, 43% Commercial insurance, 31%

