Child Drowning in Florida

SURVEILLANCE DATA: 2013

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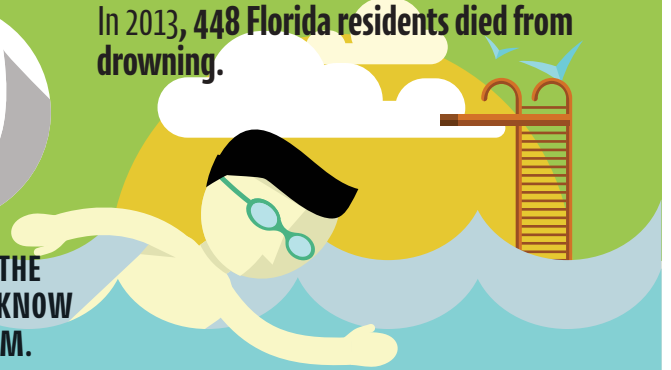
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There were 285 hospitalizations for non-fatal drowning. Children ages 1-4 accounted for 14.0% of those who died and 38.3% percent of those hospitalized.

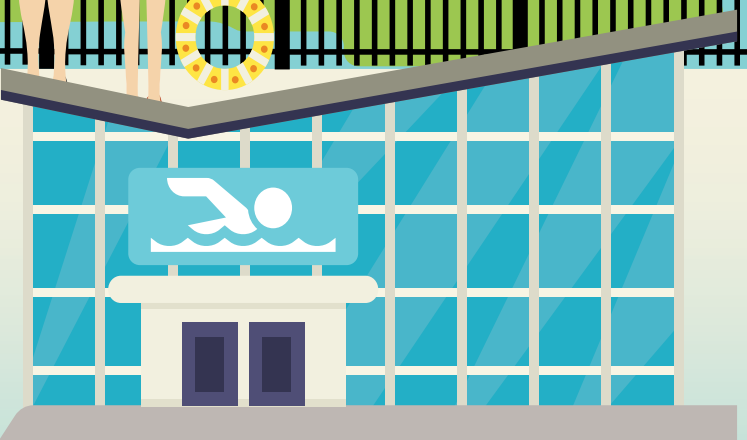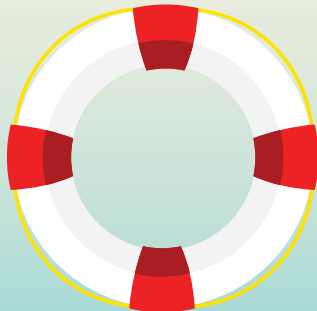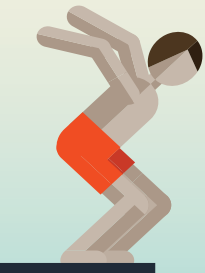In 2013, 448 Florida residents died from drowning.

EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY SHOULD KNOW HOW TO SWIM.

The Layers of Protection Make Pool Time a Safer Time

WATCH When children are around or in the pool—children should never swim alone.

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.waterprooffl.com
www.poolsafely.gov
www.ndpa.org
www.safekids.org

Child Drowning Rates per 100,000

Hospitalizations	
YEAR	RATE
2009	2.1
2010	2.0
2011	1.8
2012	1.8
2013	1.5
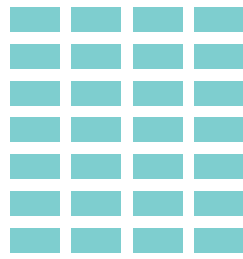
Deaths	
YEAR	RATE
2009	2.6
2010	2.4
2011	2.3
2012	2.3
2013	2.3

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.
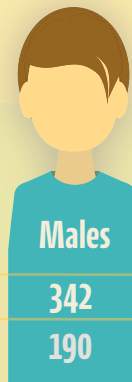Children 5+ are most likely to drown in natural bodies of water.

Who is Injured?

In 2013, 448 Florida residents died from drowning.

24% Deaths & Non-Fatal Drowning Hospitalizations Combined

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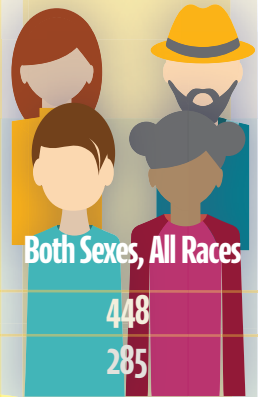
71% Deaths & Non-Fatal Drowning Hospitalizations Combined

20% Deaths & Non-Fatal Drowning Hospitalizations Combined

8% Deaths & Non-Fatal Drowning Hospitalizations Combined

	Females	Males	Whites	Blacks	Others & Non-Whites	Both Sexes, All Races
DEATHS	106	342	353	74	21	448
NON-FATAL HOSPITALIZATIONS	95	190	167	69	39	285

$15,218 was the median admission charge for drowning-related, non-fatal injury hospitalizations.

$12 million was the total charges exceeded this amount.

2 days was the median length of stay.

WHO PAID?
Medicaid, 44%
Commercial insurance, 30%

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