Do you have a curious toddler?

As your child grows, think about **water safety** around the house!

**infant** | **crawler** | **toddler** | **child** | **teen**

**Young children are naturally curious** – and they are quick to discover new things to explore.

After birth defects, drowning is the **No. 1** cause of death for children ages 1-4. Make sure your home and any home you visit are as safe as they can be.

**Have a pool?**
Be sure it’s **surrounded on all sides by a fence** that is
- At least 4 feet high
- Non-climbable
- Has a self-latching, self-closing gate

**Stay within arm’s reach** whenever your child is near water.

**Assign a water watcher** – an adult who will pay constant attention to children in the water.

**Empty buckets, bathtubs, and wading pools** after each use.

**Use safety gates, or lock the door to the yard or garage**, to keep your child from going outside unnoticed.

**Avoid ‘floaties.’** Instead, children should wear **Coast Guard-approved life jackets** when in and around water.

**All kids should learn how to swim.** Talk with your pediatrician about whether your child is ready.