Water safety tips for new parents

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

When you bring home a new baby, take steps to protect your child from water hazards around the home. Do the same when you visit friends or relatives, too.

Remember, children can drown in as little as 1-2 inches of water, and it can happen quickly and silently.

Have a pool? Protect your baby by making sure it has a fence around all four sides, especially between the pool and house.

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

Do not rely on bath seats or bath rings to keep your baby safe. An adult must always be watching.

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

Install a latch or doorknob cover on bathroom doors.

Avoid burns. Set your water heater so the hottest temperature at the faucet is 120°F.

Never carry your baby and a hot liquid, like coffee or tea, at the same time. Be careful about babies on people’s laps at the table for the same reason.