



## Drowning Prevention

Infants and small children can drown in only a few inches of water. Protect them from danger by providing constant supervision whenever they are near water:

### Bathtub/Bathroom



- **Never** leave a baby unattended in the bath. If you must answer the telephone or door, don't rely on an older sibling to watch the baby; wrap your baby in a towel and bring him with you.
- Stand guard over a bathtub that is filling with water.
- Don't use a bathtub seat with suction cups.

- The seat can overturn and flip a baby headfirst into the water.
- Install a toilet-lid locking device.
  - Never leave a small child unattended near a bucket filled with any amount of water or other liquid.



### Pool Area

- If you have a pool in your backyard, install fencing at least 4 feet high on all sides of the pool. Install a self-closing gate with a lock that is out of a child's reach.
  - Don't leave children unattended by a pool, wading pool, or hot tub - even for a moment.
  - Flotation devices like water wings and inflatable rings can give a false sense of security in the pool. **Never** use these as a substitute for constant adult supervision.
- Dump out all water from a wading pool when you are finished using it.
  - Remove any ladders from an above-ground pool.