

# DROWNING

## It happens more often than you think...



Louisiana had the **highest rate of drownings in the U.S.** for children ages 1-14 years.<sup>1</sup> Drowning continues to be the **2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death** for Louisiana children of this age group (2015-2017, 2016-2018).<sup>2</sup>

Between 2016-2018, drownings occurred most frequently in **swimming pools**.



**60**  
Kids drowned in 2016-2018

**50%**  
No fences

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No supervision

However, this **\*OTHER** is a big deal.

While most drownings occurred in swimming pools, drownings can still happen in something other than a pool or natural water:

- Bathtub
- Canal
- Bucket
- Pond
- Sewer
- Storm drain
- Fountain
- Other

**Near drowning is also serious.**

In 2018, 12 children ages 1 – 14 years were hospitalized in Louisiana because of near drownings, which can lead to lifelong disabilities.

## ALL DROWNINGS ARE PREVENTABLE!

**Let's SWIM!**

Let's do what we can to prevent drownings.

Swim in designated areas.



Watch kids at all times, near all water.



Surround pools with fences.



Learn water safety skills.



Sources: 1. CDC Wonder, 2016-2018 2. LA Office of Vital Records, The National Center for Child Death Review 3. LA Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data 4. [poolsafely.gov](http://poolsafely.gov)

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