DROWNING

It happens more often than you think...

Louisiana had the 2nd highest rate of drownings in the U.S (2013 – 2015).

Drowning was the 2^{nd} leading cause of death of children ages 1 - 14 in Louisiana (2013 - 2015).

Almost ½ of drownings happened in swimming pools.
Almost ¼ happened in natural water.

Natural Water 21%

Other* 31%

71
Kids drowned in 2013-2015.

43 No super

No supervisior

Swimming Pools 48%

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

*This OTHER is a big deal. Almost 1/3 of drownings happened in something other than a pool or natural water:

- Fountain
- Other

Near drowning is also serious. Each year about 28 children ages 1 – 4 are hospitalized because of near drownings – which can lead to life long disabilities.



ALL DROWNINGS ARE PREVENTABLE!

Let's SWIM!

Let's do what we can to prevent drownings.

Watch kids at all times, near all water.



Surround pools with fences.



Learn water safety skills.



Sources: 2013-2015 Louisiana Office of Vital Records, The National Center for Child Death Review, Louisiana Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data, www.poolsafely.gov
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