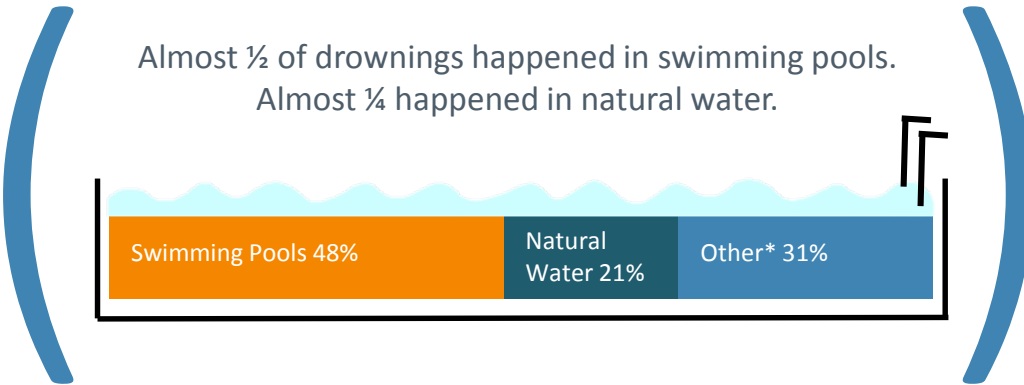


DROWNING

It happens more often than you think...

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

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



71
Kids drowned
in 2013-2015.

43%
No supervision.

41%
No fences.

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

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



The YMCA offers free or low-cost classes that teach kids how to swim and water safety skills.
For more information, visit your local YMCA or www.ymca.net/watersafety

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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