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Water safety and swimming  
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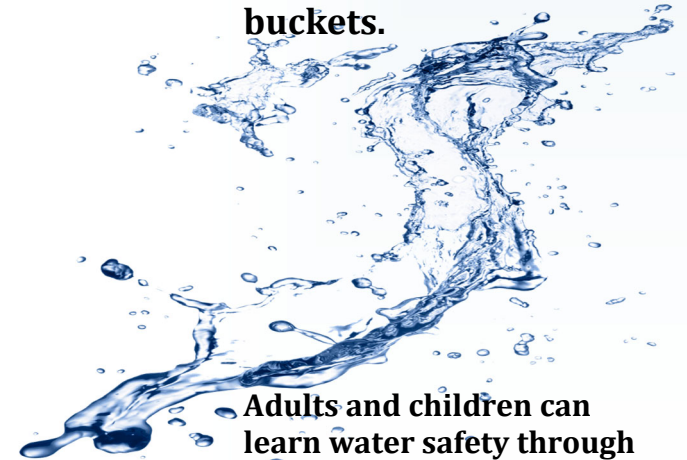
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**In the United States, drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children between the ages of 1 and 4 years and the second most common cause for children between the ages of 5 and 14 years.**

**We can prevent drowning  
with education.**

- **It only takes a moment. A child or weak swimmer can drown in the time it takes to reply to a text, answer a phone, glance at a book, check a fishing line or apply sunscreen.**
- **Deaths and injuries from drownings happen every day in home pools and hot tubs; at the beach or in oceans, lakes, rivers and streams; in unwatched bathtubs; and even in buckets.**



**Adults and children can learn water safety through The American Red Cross and your local YMCA.**



## American Red Cross

The Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety program teaches people the knowledge and skills to help them be safer in, on and around the water.

[Water Safety for Parents and Caregivers](#) is free, offered online and takes about 20 minutes to complete. Other free resources include Whale Tales videos and activities that teach general water safety practices.

## The YMCA

The YMCA swim classes emphasize water safety and development of self-esteem in a safe and nurturing environment for all levels.

Call your local YMCA for dates and times

### Franz Ross YMCA-

19333 Quesada Ave,  
Pt. Charlotte,  
941-629-0170

### Englewood YMCA-

701 Medical Blvd,  
Englewood,  
941-475-1234



## Charlotte County Parks and Rec



### Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park

7001 San Casa Drive  
Englewood, FL 34224  
Phone: 941.681.3743



### Centennial Park Pool

1120 Centennial Blvd.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33953  
Phone: 941.764.4100



### Port Charlotte Beach Park

4500 Harbor Blvd.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
Phone: 941.629.0170



### South County Regional Park

670 Cooper Street  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
Phone: 941.505.8686