

10 Eye Opening Facts

- Concerning Water Safety Awareness -

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💡 #1: Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of accidental death in the US among 14 and under. (American Institute of Prevention Medicine)

💡 #2: Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death of child 5 and under. (American Institute of Prevention Medicine)

💡 #3: For every child who drowns, four are hospitalized and 16 receive emergency department care for near drowning. (American Academy of Pediatrics)

💡 #4: For kids 4 and under 65% of drowning occur in the child's home pool. (US Consumer product safety Commission)

💡 #5: More drowning victims are MALE.

💡 #6: Over 600 drowning take place each year in a submerged auto's.

💡 #7: A Child is top heavy – meaning a child that is drowning is more likely to be submerged head down due to their body composition.

💡 #8: In the business of aquatics, shallow water is less than 5 feet. And deep water is more than 5 feet....."OK" the average size of a 12 year old youth is less than 5 feet. Think about that!

💡 #9: 88% of children drowning was being supervised at the time of death.

💡 #7-9 were according to Drowning expert Dr. Griffiths

💡 #10: In November of 2005 a uniform definition of drowning was established. ***ONE may ask....what took so long***