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Drowning is still one of the top causes of injury and death in children. Children can drown in pools, rivers, canals, ponds, lakes, or the sea, and they also drown in a few inches of water in baths, toilets, and large buckets.

In the summer months we know families enjoy being in the garden, but of course many family gardens contain ponds, water butts or barrels, paddling pools or even hot tubs and swimming pools, all of which can be a potential hazard.

Children must be supervised at all time in and around water. No one, adult or child, should also ever swim alone Swimming lessons are not a way to prevent drowning; even a child who knows how to swim can drown a few feet from safety

children safe in or around water at home, on holiday and near open water. The Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children's Board have put together the following information about how to keep your



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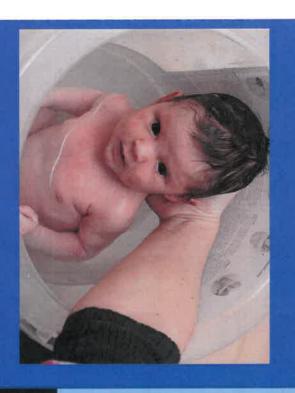








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Tips for Water Safety at Home

of water when they are unsupervised Prevent children from gaining access to pools

drains Securely cover all water storage tanks and

playtimes finished Empty paddling pools and buckets when

unsupervised, not even for a minute Never leave a baby or child in the bath

seat. Never leave a baby or child alone in a bath

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



Never leave children unattended near water.



Tips for Water Safety on Holiday

activities. Ask where the safest places to swim is. Check the safety arrangements of any water-based

supervision is the key to preventing serious accidents Never let your young children out of your reach -

Swim with any children in your care.

Never enter the water after drinking alcohol.

Do not use inflatable dinghies or lilos in open water.

breakwater. Do not swim near to or dive from rocks, piers,

Swim parallel to the beach and close to the shore.

Constantly supervise children in a swimming pool.

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Tips for Open Water Safety

If you have a pond always supervise closely.

open water. Be careful visiting gardens or parks that have

Take notice of any warning signs.

to open water Stay clear of bank edges when walking next

Children should learn to swim as soon as possible

to 'hang out', swim or play for young people Weirs, quarries and canals are not safe places

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

