

## Drowning

FACT	REFERENCE
1. Children who survive drowning may be left with severe brain and/or organ damage and long-term disabilities.	1. <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3493332/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3493332/</a>
2. 3 children die from a home drowning every year. 13 children are hospitalised from a home drowning every year.	2. Unpublished Child Injury Data. Injury Prevention Research Unit. Dunedin. University of Otago. Accessed in May 2020.
3. Safety Devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four sided pool fencing (1.2 metres high) with self-closing, self-latching gate (swimming/paddling pools and spa pools).</li> <li>• Safety latches or doorknob covers for bathroom doors.</li> <li>• Toilet seat latches or locks.</li> <li>• Swimming lessons.</li> <li>• Floatation swimming devices.</li> </ul>	3. Safekids Aotearoa. (2015). Child Unintentional Deaths and Injuries in New Zealand, and Prevention Strategies. Auckland, NZ: Safekids Aotearoa.  <a href="https://www.bti-direct.co.nz/site/btinz/files/2007_Drownings_Under5s.pdf">https://www.bti-direct.co.nz/site/btinz/files/2007_Drownings_Under5s.pdf</a>  <a href="https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-play/Pages/Infant-Water-Safety.aspx">https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-play/Pages/Infant-Water-Safety.aspx</a>
4. Children can drown quickly and silently in less than 5cm of water.	4. <a href="https://www.bti-direct.co.nz/site/btinz/files/2007_Drownings_Under5s.pdf">https://www.bti-direct.co.nz/site/btinz/files/2007_Drownings_Under5s.pdf</a>
5. Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of death from unintentional injury in children.	5. Unpublished Child Injury Data. Injury Prevention Research Unit. Dunedin. University of Otago. Accessed in May 2020.