

BOAT/LAKE SAFETY

Everyone in the boat should be wearing a properly fitting US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.

- Never allow children to ride in front or back of boat because they could fall out.
- Children should be seated in middle of boat.
- Account for everyone on board before starting engine.
- Keep a safety rope/ safety ring in boat or on dock.

DOCK SAFETY

- Install alarm and ground fault circuit interrupter GFCI on boat dock.
- Inspect after power failure.
- Electric currents can travel through water causing electric shock drowning.
- Never ignore a dog barking on a dock.



FLASH FLOOD FACTS

- "Turn Around Don't Drown" Just six inches of moving or rushing water can knock over a full grown man.
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles, including trucks and SUVs.
- Rising water can reach above a vehicle door in less than a minute.
- It takes just twelve inches of flowing water to carry away a small car.
- More than half of the deaths from flooding each year occur in vehicles.

FLASH FLOOD TIPS

- Don't drive, walk, swim or play in flooded streets.
- Use safer, alternate routes.
- Never drive around barricades.
- Avoid streets where curbs are barely visible.
- Don't allow children to play in canals, ditches or ponds-even when dry.
- Use sandbags to protect your home or business if you know it floods
- Be aware of changing weather conditions.
- Fast-moving water can fill streets within seconds. which may cause additional dangers of debris and contamination from trash.
- Never attempt a rescue. Call 9-1-1 instead.

"WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS"
Thunder...is a result of lightning.

- Do not seek shelter under trees.
- A bus or car can provide shelter if no building is available.
- Stop all outdoor activities.
- Wait 30 minutes after storm to resume activities.

"TURN AROUND. DON'T DROWN."

The Drowning Prevention Coalition of El Paso was formed in 2010 through the efforts of Laura and Eddie Castle who lost their son, Christian, to drowning in 2007. Thirty-one different community organizations, groups and agencies have come together as one to build a culture of water safety in the El Paso area. (Two countries, three states, and several cities)



Mission Statement

To promote, develop and support training and community education efforts that prevent drowning, non-fatal drowning and other water related incidents in El Paso County and the surrounding areas.

**Respect the Water.
Children Drown in
Silence.**

Drowning is leading cause of accidental death for Texas children under age five.



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Christian Castle



POOL SAFETY

SUPERVISION IS KEY

- Always designate one responsible adult to give 100% of their attention to the children in and around the water, even if lifeguards are present.
- No talking on phone, reading, or talking to others.
- Fence the pool area and use self-closing locking gate. Make sure children can't go over, under or through the fence.
- Alarm doors leading to pool should chime if someone is in pool area.
- Turn off waterfalls and water features when children are in the pool.
- Remove toys from pool area after swimming and store away from pool.
- Only use phone in event of 911 emergency.
- Know the address of the pool.

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EDUCATION

Children must have constant “eyes-on” supervision.

- Teach children to swim and learn to swim well
- Take a CPR and First Aid class. Learn adult, child and infant CPR and keep skills updated.
- Parents must vigilantly watch their children and family gatherings or parties
- If a child is missing, look in the pool or spa first before looking anywhere else.
- Don't use floating chlorine dispensers and thermometers that look like toys.
- Store all chemicals out of reach of children
- Be careful with doggy doors leading to pool area that a child could get through.

SUN PROTECTION

Apply minimum SPF 15 waterproof sunscreen 30 minutes before going out into the sun. Reapply every 45 minutes. Sun rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wear hat and sunglasses.

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BATHTUB SAFETY

Bathtub drownings are second only to pool drownings in and around the home.

- Never leave a child unattended in bathtub.
- Supervise from beginning to end of bath.
- Get what you need before you start.
- If you need to leave, drain tub and take child with you.
- Never leave child in tub under supervision of another child.
- Check water temperature first.
- Use nonslip bath mats and nonslip strips on bottom of bathtub.
- Never keep electrical appliances near water. Hair dryers and charging cell phones can cause electrocutions.
- Baby seats are a bathing aid, not a safety device.
- Phone should be used in bathroom only for calling 911 in case of emergency.
- Never allow bath toys that are small enough to choke on.

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HOT TUB SAFETY

Hot Tubs are NOT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.

- Keep water temperature below 100 degrees.
- Check water before entering warm water.
- Limit time to under 10 minutes.
- Keep jets and bubbles off.
- Bubbles reduce visibility.
- Hot Tub Controls should not be manipulated by children.
- Covers and locks should be secured with hard top cover and locking latch when not in use.
- Do not allow children to play or swim near drains or suction outlets in pool and spas.
- Entrapments can pull hair, limbs or clothing.
- Install anti-entrapment VGB compliant safety drain covers.
- Inspect regularly.

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