



**SWIM Central Water Safety Education Questionnaire**

**Parents:** *Do you know that drowning is the leading cause of death among children?  
Complete this form to receive information to protect your child from drowning.*

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

*Information is for the use of the Broward County Swim Central program only.*

1. How would you rate your own swimming ability?
  - Unable to swim
  - Can swim a little, but NOT comfortable in deep water
  - Able to swim for an extended period of time in deep water
  
2. Has your child ever received formal swimming lessons?
  - Yes
  - No, check all the reasons below that apply:
    - Do not know how to find information about swim lessons
    - Transportation problems
    - Swim lessons are not important
    - Lessons are too expensive
    - Schedule of lessons not convenient
    - Equipment such as swim suit, towel, goggles too expensive
  
3. Do you or a family member know how to perform CPR with rescue breaths?
  - Yes
  - No
  
4. Has your child's doctor talked to you about drowning prevention and water safety?
  - Yes
  - No
  
5. Would you redeem a \$40 coupon to apply to the cost of swim lessons for your child?
  - Yes, visit <http://www.watersmartbroward.org/swim-instruction/> for details.
  - No

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Broward Ordinance 2004, Section 7-8 requires parents to complete SWIM Central questionnaire and for **Child Care Facilities** to mail or fax a copy to SWIM Central. Also required is a copy of this form to be placed each child's file to be monitored by the staff of the local licensing agency.

**Facility Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Facility License #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Documentation of the original form via fax or mail is required, indicate below:**

**Date form faxed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or, date mailed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: 954.357.8077  
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 Lauderhill, FL 33311

**Form and educational handout for parent distribution can be downloaded:**

<http://www.watersmartbroward.org/resources/brochures-handouts/>

# Drowning is the #1 Cause of Death Among Children Ages 1 to 4



## Facts You Need to Know About Drowning

- The main cause of drowning can be directly traced to an action or inaction by a parent or adult. Good people can make small mistakes that have tragic consequences.
- Most parents of a drowning victim say, "I can't believe this happened to my child." They never realized how quickly a drowning incident could become their reality.
- Most children pulled from the water during a drowning incident are wearing regular clothes - not a swim suit.

## Simple Steps Save Lives

### Supervision

- Supervising your children means eyes on them, and giving your full attention.
- Do not rely on responsible behavior from an older child or other adults.

### Extra Layers of Protection *if Supervision Fails*

- Install door alarms to alert the household should a child possibly leave the home unsupervised.
- Use an "isolation" fence to separate pool area from the house and rest of the backyard.
- Use self-closing gates that self-latch.
- Clear the area around the fence for objects children could use to climb over.
- Learn to swim: parents and child.

### Be Aware of All Water Hazards

- These include bathtubs, garden ponds, swimming pools, buckets/containers of water, canals, lakes, and beaches.

### Know How to Respond to an Emergency

- Learn CPR.
- Remove the child from the water immediately.
- Call 9-1-1, begin CPR.

### Talk to Your Child

- "Don't go near a pool or other water without an adult."
- "If you see someone in trouble in the water, don't jump in to help! Run, get an adult."
- "If you fall into a pool, turn in the water, find the wall, and climb out or yell for help." Practice this technique in the pool.

### Take Action Now and Think, "I know this could happen to my child, and I will do whatever it takes to prevent it."

- Enroll your child (and yourself) in swim lessons.
- Learn CPR with rescue breaths.

To learn about available coupons for swim lessons, location of swim classes and CPR training, visit: <http://www.watersmartbroward.org/>

