

# Little Facts about Water Safety Awareness:

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- ❖ Running on the deck is the most broken pool rule. (numbers supplied by R.C. Wendling PHD & K.L. Wuensch PHD)
- ❖ Male 8 years of age and older account for more than 56% of all aquatic injuries (numbers supplied by R.C. Wendling PHD & K.L. Wrensch PHD)
- ❖ According to a recent American Red Cross survey of more than 1,000 adults, 10% of Americans have had an experience where they nearly drowned.
- ❖ 66% of the children planning to swim this summer will engage in water related activities where no lifeguard will be on duty – mostly due to backyard pools & spas. (source American Red Cross)
- ❖ Most youngsters think they can start off right where they left off last summer. Swimming for hours and swimming great distances. **BUT** a lot can happen in 9-10 months and youngsters may not be able to start at the level of last year. Swim tests are always needed and specific swimming rules for each individual in a family should be based on their swimming ability.
- ❖ Dangerous "MYTH" of drownproofing. I have heard this many times .....My child has just passed a level 4 class with the ARC and he is now a great swimmer and will never drown. My child is drownproof.....or even better, my child is on a swim team and is a great swimmer and no lifeguard is needed. Myth and Myth! In my dictionary and also in the Scholastic Dictionary there is no such word as drownproofing. At any given time a child or adult could drown. Getting a leg cramp, misjudging the wall and hitting ones head or just be silly or careless could lead to drowning. No matter what level the swimmers are, they need to be watched.

***On the SAME Page and not even knowing it..... On May 15, 2012 Coach George wrote an article*** labeled "Back to back to Back WS". The article was posted on May 17th. On May 15, 2012 the US House of Representatives formally acknowledged water safety education. Stating that water safety education should be included in primary and secondary schools. As it is stated from both the US House of Representatives and Coach George Young Water safety education is needed and should be in a school's class agenda's. To review the US House of Representatives resolution, please refer to Inaugural International Water Safety Day (WSD) prompting the United States House of Representative via HRES658.

Link : <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/112/hres658/text>