

Map Your Water Hazards

Drowning is the leading risk when children wander, and most drownings happen at known water near home. Walk your neighborhood this week and map every water hazard within a 1-mile radius. Fifteen minutes now beats searching blind later.

1 Your water hazard list

LOCATION	TYPE	WALKING TIME	FENCED?	WHO OWNS IT / CONTACT
Neighbor's backyard pool	☒ pool ☐ pond ☐ fountain ☐ ditch ☐ basin ☐ other	2 min	☐ Y ☒ N	The Wilsons, house to the left
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Don't forget these

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| ☐ Backyard pools (yours and neighbors') | ☐ Retention basins behind schools and subdivisions |
| ☐ Creeks and drainage ditches | ☐ Decorative fountains at parks or plazas |
| ☐ Hot tubs left uncovered | ☐ Hotel or apartment pools if you visit regularly |

Now put the list to work

- 1 Share this sheet with your child's school, sitters, and 2-3 trusted neighbors.
- 2 Ask owners of unfenced water whether a gate or alarm is possible; offer to split the cost of a latch.
- 3 In an emergency, searchers check water FIRST, in the order of this list.

