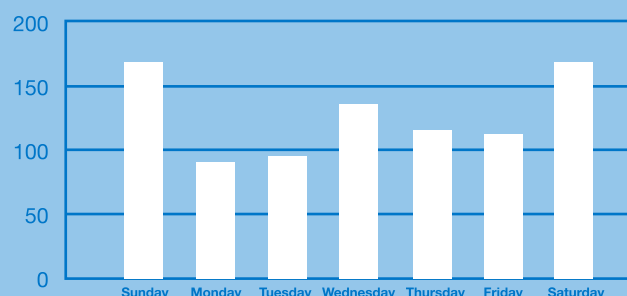


# Pool Safety – Emergency Preparedness

Americans love to spend time in the backyard pool – we own more than 5 million in-ground pools. On a sunny weekend day, no one expects an emergency to happen in the backyard. But did you know that half of water-related incidents involving children in Maricopa County occurred on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, often in our own backyard pool?

**Water-Related Incidents Maricopa County  
1992 - 2010 ages 0 to 5 years**



Preparing for drowning emergencies is critical in Arizona – our child drowning death rate in 2010 was almost 60 percent higher than the national rate. So how can you be ready for an emergency?



Seconds count if a child falls into the water. If a child is missing, check the pool first, then check your neighbor's pools.



Learn to swim if you don't know how, so you can rescue a child without becoming a victim yourself.



Begin CPR immediately if you find a child in the water. Remember that rescue breaths are recommended for a drowning victim.



Call 9-1-1 as soon as possible. If you use a cell phone, make sure you know the address of the home.

Need to refresh your CPR or swimming skills? Invite friends and relatives to join you, so you can spend time with the ones you love, while you work to protect your children from drowning risk.



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