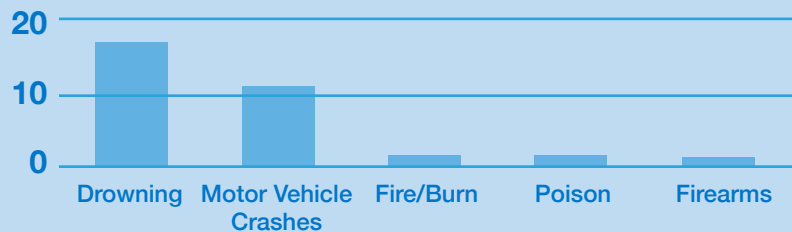


# Everyone loves a pool party.

But safety has to come first, *even at a celebration.*

Choosing a capable adult supervisor at pool parties can improve supervision and reduce drowning risk. Among child drownings from 2010 to 2013, **23% happened during a family gathering near the pool.** Follow these tips:

**Deaths in Arizona, Children Ages 1-4, 2012**



**Did you know...**drowning is the leading cause of injury death among children ages one to four years in the United States? In Arizona, more children in this age group died from drownings than motor vehicle crashes, firearm related incidents, fires, and poisonings, combined.



#### **Put an Adult (or 2) on Watch.**

Before swim time, choose a few adults who can swim and know CPR, to be your supervisors. If there are many people in the pool area, have more than one supervisor at a time.



#### **Limit Duty Time.**

Limit the supervisor's time on duty to 15 minutes. Everyone should know who the supervisor is at any point in time.



#### **Avoid Distractions.**

Ask your supervisor to avoid distractions, like cell phones, while on duty. They should also limit the amount of alcohol they drink.



#### **Close the Pool.**

At mealtime, announce that the pool is closed. Check to make sure children have left the pool area, then close and lock the gate.



#### **Secure Fence.**

Make sure children can't go over, under, or through the fence. If your fence cannot keep children out, a supervisor needs to be on duty at all times, just as you would during swim time.

When you invite guests to your next pool party, remind them that you'll be asking for supervisors. Have a contest with a prize at the end of the night for the best supervisor!



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