



POOL AND SPA SUBMERSION INJURY AND FATALITY INCIDENTS OF CHILDREN LESS THAN FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE

- There were, on average, **6,400** pool or spa related emergency department (ED)-treated submersion injuries **each year** from 2015 to 2017 and **351** pool or spa related fatalities **each year** from 2013-2015 involving children younger than fifteen years of age.
- **76 percent of the reported fatalities** (2013-2015) and an annual average of **73 percent of reported non-fatal drownings** (2015-2017) were to **children younger than five years of age**.
- The overwhelming majority of the estimated ED-treated submersion injuries (2015-2017) and the reported drownings (2013-2015) were associated with **pools**.
- Children between the ages of one and three (12 to 47 months) represented 60 percent of estimated injuries (2015-2017) and 63 percent of reported fatalities (2013-2015) for children younger than fifteen.
- **Residential locations** dominated reported incidents:
 - For children **younger than 5 years**, 54 percent for nonfatal drowning (2015-2017) and 85 percent for drownings (2013-2015), occurred at residences.
 - The largest percentage, 50 percent, of **fatalities** for all locations for victims under fifteen was the **child's home** (2013-2015).

*Source: Pool and Spa Submersion: Estimated Non-Fatal Drowning Injuries and Reported Drownings, 2018 Report (CPSC, May 2018)