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POOL AND SPA SUBMERSION
INJURY AND FATALITY INCIDENTS
FOR CHILDREN

Families are staying closer to home this summer due to COVID-19 cancellations and social distancing considerations and continued vigilance is needed when it comes to water safety.

- Child drownings remaining **the leading cause of unintentional death** among children ages 1 to 4 years old.
- There were an estimated **6,700** pool or spa related emergency department (ED)-treated submersion injuries **each year** from 2017 to 2019 involving children (**the equivalent of about 18 children every day, 365 days a year**).
- There were an estimated **379** pool or spa related fatalities **each year** from 2015-2017 involving children younger than fifteen years of age.
- **75 percent of the reported drownings** (2015-2017) were to **children younger than five years of age**.
- **Residential locations** dominated reported incidents (2014-2016). The most reported deaths (71% for pools and spas) occurred at **residences** (victim's home, family or friend's house, or neighbor's house).
- **Summer months** of May to August had the **highest number** of fatalities for **all age groups**.

*Source: New CPSC Report Finds Steady Rise in Fatal Child Drownings (CPSC, June 2020)