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POOL AND SPA SUBMERSION INJURY AND FATALITY INCIDENTS FOR CHILDREN

As Temperatures Rise Outside, And Children Head To Beaches And Pools To Stay Cool, 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 **6,200** pool or spa related emergency department (ED)-treated submersion injuries **each year** from 2018 to 2020 involving children younger than fifteen years of age.
- There were an estimated **397** pool or spa related fatalities **each year** from 2016-2018 involving children younger than fifteen years of age.
- **75 percent of the reported drownings** (2016-2018) were to **children younger than five years of age**.
- **Residential locations** dominated reported incidents (2016-2018). The most reported deaths (70% 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**.

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*Source: Pool or Spa Submersion: Estimated Nonfatal Drowning Injuries and Reported Drownings, 2021 Report (CPSC, May 2021)