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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 **6,300** pool or spa related submersion injuries treated in emergency rooms **each year** from 2022 to 2024 involving children younger than fifteen years of age.
- There were an estimated **357** pool or spa related fatalities **each year** from 2020-2022 involving children younger than fifteen years of age.
- **73 percent of the reported nonfatal drownings (2022-2024) and 79 percent of fatal drownings (2020-2022) were to children younger than five years of age.**
- **Residential locations** dominated reported incidents (2020-2022). The most reported deaths (74% 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 have 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, 2024 Report (CPSC, May 2025)