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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**

- **Drowning remains the leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1 to 4.**
- 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)