



SPLASH SAFELY

in the garden

Top Tips for Enjoying Water Safely

1. STAY TOGETHER

Young children should always be kept within arm's reach. Never leave your child unattended or under the supervision of child siblings.

2. SECURE

Almost 90% of parents of under 5s told us they had at least one potential water hazard in their outdoor space at home, whether this is a pond, paddling pool, water table, or even a bucket.

Don't forget to keep this space secure! Lock doors and gates to outdoor spaces to prevent unsupervised access.

3. PREPARE

Get any towels, toys, nappies and dry clothing ready to go before your children start their water play. This will ensure you won't need to leave their side at any point.

4. AVOID DISTRACTIONS...

...such as using a mobile phone when children are playing in or around water. In a group of adults, appoint a 'water watcher' to ensure children are supervised at all times.

5. EMPTY IT OUT, COVER IT UP

After your children have enjoyed splashing about in their paddling pool, empty the water out straight away to avoid accidents.

In the case of larger pools and hot tubs, ensure that the cover is securely replaced immediately after use to prevent children from accidentally falling in.

6. KEEP YOUR GARDEN TIDY!

When you've finished playing, it's best to totally clear up your space. Turn off the hosepipe at the tap to block access. Clear away or turn over paddling pools and other water containers like buckets, as these can unexpectedly fill up with water if it rains.

Don't let your child get into harm!

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