



SWIM Central Water Safety Education Questionnaire

Parents: *Do you know that drowning is the leading cause of death among children?
Complete this form to receive information to protect your child from drowning.*

Child's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Parent Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Email (optional) _____

Your information is for the use of the Broward County Swim Central Program.

1. How would you rate your own swimming ability?

- Unable to swim
- Can swim a little, but NOT comfortable in deep water
- Able to swim for an extended period of time in deep water

2. Has your child ever received formal swimming lessons?

- Yes
- No, check all the reasons below that apply:
 - Do not know how to find information about swim lessons
 - Transportation problems
 - Swim lessons are not important
 - Lessons are too expensive
 - Schedule of lessons not convenient
 - We are too busy
 - Equipment such as swim suit, towel, goggles too expensive

3. Do you or a family member know how to perform CPR with rescue breaths?

- Yes
- No

4. Has your child's doctor talked to you about drowning prevention and water safety?

- Yes
- No

5. Would you redeem a \$40 coupon to apply to the cost of swim lessons for your child?

- Yes, visit [Water SMART Broward Swim Instruction](#) for details.
- No

PART ONE FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Broward Ordinance 2004, Section 7-8 requires parents/guardians to complete SWIM Central questionnaire and for **Child Care Facilities** to mail or fax a copy to SWIM Central. Also required is a copy of this form to be placed in each child's file to be monitored by the staff of the local licensing agency.

Facility Name: _____ **Facility License #:** _____

Documentation of the original form via fax or mail is required, indicate below:
Date form faxed: _____ **or, date mailed:** _____

Fax: 954.357.8077 SWIM Central
3700 NW 11th Place
Lauderhill, FL 33311

Form and educational handout for parent distribution can be downloaded: [Water SMART Broward](#)

Drowning is the #1 Cause of Death Among Children Ages 1 to 4



Facts You Need to Know About Drowning

- The main cause of drowning can be directly traced to an action or inaction by a parent or adult. Good people can make small mistakes that have tragic consequences.
- Most parents of a drowning victim say, "I can't believe this happened to my child." They never realized how quickly a drowning incident could become their reality.
- Most children pulled from the water during a drowning incident are wearing regular clothes - not a swim suit.

Simple Steps Save Lives

Supervision

- Supervising your children means eyes on them, and giving your full attention.
- Do not rely on responsible behavior from an older child or other adults.

Extra Layers of Protection *if Supervision Fails*

- Install door alarms to alert the household should a child possibly leave the home unsupervised.
- Use an "isolation" fence to separate pool area from the house and rest of the backyard.
- Use self-closing gates that self-latch.
- Clear the area around the fence for objects children could use to climb over.
- Learn to swim: parents and child.

Be Aware of All Water Hazards

- These include bathtubs, garden ponds, swimming pools, buckets/containers of water, canals, lakes, and beaches.

Know How to Respond to an Emergency

- Learn CPR.
- Remove the child from the water immediately.
- Call 9-1-1, begin CPR.

Talk to Your Child

- "Don't go near a pool or other water without an adult."
- "If you see someone in trouble in the water, don't jump in to help! Run, get an adult."
- "If you fall into a pool, turn in the water, find the wall, and climb out or yell for help." Practice this technique in the pool.

Take Action Now and Think, "I know this could happen to my child, and I will do whatever it takes to prevent it."

- Enroll your child (and yourself) in swim lessons.
- Learn CPR with rescue breaths.

To learn about available coupons for swim lessons, location of swim classes and CPR training, visit: [Water SMART Broward](#)

