



# Summer Time Water Safety

Now that the heat is here and swimming pool usage will soon be in full swing, CESD would like to remind everyone to be careful in and around bodies of water. **DON'T TAKE WATER SAFETY FOR GRANTED!**

Drowning is the leading cause of injury or death for young children ages 1 to 4. Nationwide, **three children die every day as a result of drowning**. But you can help to prevent accidental drowning. Here are some tips:

**Make life jackets a “must.”** If you plan on visiting natural bodies of water, make sure life jackets are worn. Even if your child is a good swimmer in a swimming pool, it doesn't mean that he/she won't encounter something in a natural body of water that could drown them.

**Bathtubs can be dangerous too!** Remember that a child, especially babies, can drown in only 1 inch of water. Bathing in bathtubs is a regular household routine but can turn deadly very quickly. Never leave a baby in a bathtub unsupervised, even for what you think is “just a minute.”

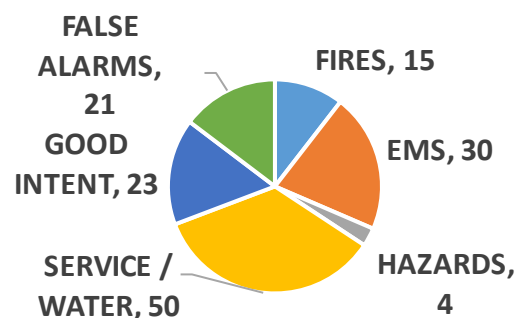
**Learn CPR.** Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and get recertified every two years. CPR can help a child stay alive with little or no brain damage. For Cypress Creek EMS CPR classes, visit [www.ccems.com/education/cpr-first-aid-schedule/](http://www.ccems.com/education/cpr-first-aid-schedule/) for more info.

**Be on the lookout.** Adults watching kids near water should avoid distracting activities like playing cards, reading books, using electronic devices, or talking on the phone.

For more information about all kinds of child safety, visit [www.cdc.gov/safekid](http://www.cdc.gov/safekid)

## FEBRUARY FREEZE EVENT

CESD responded to **143** incidents between Monday, 2/15, and Friday, 2/19. Five of those incidents were structure fires, and 50 were broken water line calls.



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