

## Drowning Accidents: A Day at the Pool Doesn't Have to End in Tragedy

Keeping kids safe every day should be a parents' priority, but in the summer when drowning accidents are on the rise, it's important to be extra diligent. Summer is just around the corner. It's just about the time when school's out and swimming is in. So, let's dive into the next installment of *Shaked Law Firm's Summer Safety Guide*.

### **Distractions cause drowning accidents, prove disastrous**

Whether your own children or friends of your children, pool safety should never take a backseat to distractions like texting, the family dog, or a knock at the door.

Distractions lead to children being left unattended and puts them at risk for pool-related injuries such as traumatic brain injuries and drowning accidents.

As parents and guardians, there are some preventative measures we can take to play an active part in the safety of children:

- Learn CPR
- Refresh your swimming skills
- Teach children to float, move through the water in the event of an emergency

### **Life jackets stand between children and tragic drowning accidents**

Enforcing the need for life vests around large bodies of water such as lakes, rivers, and oceans even if your children are sufficient swimmers should be non-negotiable. Life vests should be utilized for less skilled swimmers in pools, too. When it comes to babies and toddlers, "floaties" are a must for small children not yet acquainted to swimming of any kind.

### **Fence it, close it, lock it!**

Four-sided fences around residential swimming pools can prevent accidents and injuries that often occur as a result of child who doesn't know better wandering over to the pool and falling in. This can result in traumatic brain injury or accidental drowning death as a result.

A fence should be used to separate any free-play areas from the pool to allow children to run freely without the risk of injury or death. Fences should self-latch, self-lock, and always be kept closed. Children should always be surprised while near a swimming pool.

### **Eyes should be on the children, not the cell phone**

Small children near bodies of water or swimming pool require parental eyes on them at all times. Something as simple as looking down to answer a text message or chase after the dog could result in losing the mere seconds it takes for a child to fall into a swimming pool and drown.

Parents should never, ever leave a child unattended in a swimming pool, not even for a second. In less time than it takes to read a text or answer a knock at the door, children are at risk for drowning accidents.

***In the event of a wrongful death, seek board certified legal counsel immediately!***

A wrongful death lawsuit may only be brought to court by a “personal representative” of the victim. Every state employs a civil wrongful death statute, under which the procedures for bringing a wrongful death case are laid out. A board certified civil trial attorney must be retained in a timely manner, because the statute of limitations is strict, and if exceeded the right to file a lawsuit is forfeited. In the event of a wrongful death, there are certain elements that must be brought to light in order to proceed with legal action.

**Some of the of the elements necessary for a wrongful death lawsuit are as follows:**

1. A human being must have died
2. The death must have been caused by the recklessness or negligence of another; intent to cause harm applies as well
3. The decedent’s surviving family members suffer financial injury due to the death

**There are also a number of circumstances that imply a wrongful death occurred:**

- Death during an activity requiring supervision
- Criminal activity
- Motor vehicle or motorcycle accident
- Medical malpractice or medical negligence
- Drowning accidents due to lack of safety standards or supervision

**Shaked Law Firm has the most wrongful death experience in South Florida, hands down**

If a loved one has passed away tragically as a result of drowning accidents due to someone else’s recklessness or lack of appropriate safety measures—Sagi Shaked has extensive experience in drowning-related wrongful deaths and never stops fighting for your rights, and to obtain the compensation you deserve.

There’s no dollar amount that can be placed on a loved one’s life cut short, but Shaked Law Firm has the compassion and expertise to ease the financial and emotional burden placed upon families who have lost a loved one to a drowning accident.

Shaked Law Firm takes a human, client-above-all approach to your wrongful death case; when you’ve lost a loved one, retaining legal counsel shouldn’t be stressful. We’re passionate, and we take the stress out of pursuing your right to justice. Contact us today to schedule your complimentary consultation. There’s never an obligation. The only thing you should be focusing on is healing while our board-certified attorneys do the rest.

**Take the first step today, and call us: (877) 529-0080**