



The Moreno Valley Fire Department Offers The Following Water Safety Information:

Drowning is the nation's number one killer of children under the age of 5 and it's the second leading cause of death from unintentional injuries for ages 1 to 14. Children and adults can drown without making a sound; the majority of these accidents occur in residential swimming pools and spas. Learning the ABC's of pool safety could help prevent these tragedies.

The Moreno Valley Fire Department, CALFIRE/Riverside County Fire Department, Riverside City Fire Department and the Orange County Fire Authority, support the ABC's of water safety:

"A" is for Adult Supervision: It is important to have somebody who is capable of swimming watching the water activity. Whenever possible, having more than one person available who can swim is encouraged. Make there is a phone nearby to call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.

"B" is for Barriers: In addition to adult supervision, you should install and maintain proper fencing around the pool and spa to isolate swimming areas from other areas of the home. Make sure to use multiple layers of protection such as fences, gate/door alarms, and safety covers.

"C" is for Classes: The proper classes such as learning to swim, first aid, and CPR can help you be better prepared in the event of an emergency. Do not rely on swimming aids such as water wings, rafts or noodles for safety. Inform your children about the dangers of improper water play and set guidelines and safety rules. Always keep a phone nearby to call 9-1-1.

Drowning incidents do not only happen in pools, lakes and oceans, but can also occur in bathtubs, mop buckets, toilets, and water as shallow as 2 inches. Water safety should be adhered to year-round. Please be diligent to not have unattended children around the water; looking away for just a few seconds could result in a tragedy.