2005-2014, an average of 3,500 fatal drownings occurred per year in the US. That’s about ten deaths per day.

More than 50% of drowning victims treated in emergency departments require hospitalization or further care.

About one in five people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger.

Among children ages 1 to 4, most drownings occur in home swimming pools.

SAFETY TIPS

WALK. DON’T RUN
Running increases chances of slips and falls on wet surfaces, resulting in serious injury.

LEARN HOW TO SWIM
Swimming lessons help prevent drowning.

BUDDY SYSTEM
Always swim with a buddy in case there’s a mishap.

BARRIERS SAVE LIVES
Barriers prevent people from accidentally entering the pool.

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