Did you know...

• A total of eleven children under the age of 11 drowned in Palm Beach County in 2020 and 2021.
• Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for Florida children between the ages of 1 and 4.
• For every child who drowns, an estimated five near-drown. Some of those children will need medical care for life.

Every drowning is preventable.

The majority of child drownings in Palm Beach County are due to lack of adult supervision and lack of barriers around a body of water. Most child drownings happen in backyard pools with an adult just feet away, inside a house.

Our mission

To prevent drowning, near-drowning, and other water-related incidents in Palm Beach County by educating residents about water safety and basic rescue techniques.

We are a government organization that has served our community since 1996.

What does the Drowning Prevention Coalition offer?

EDUCATION

• Free, land-based and virtual water safety presentations for audiences of all ages.
• A traveling safety display great for fairs and events.
• Our mascot, Buddy the Seahorse, makes public appearances!

SWIMMING VOUCHERS

We provide vouchers to families with children ages 2-12 to take 5-8 free/reduced cost swim lessons at participating pools. Visit our website to see if your child may be eligible. Vouchers are on a first-come, first-served basis.

To arrange a visit, fill out a request form at www.pbcgov.org/dpc

Know the ABCDs of water safety

A

Adult supervision. Always have a responsible adult, a "water watcher," keeping an eye on the pool.

B

Barriers. Have code-compliant fencing around the pool, and alarms and child-proof locks on doors and windows.


Buckets. Keep them stored away.

C

Classes. Sign your child up to learn to swim! CPR. Learn it.

Canal. Stay out of dirty water.

D

Drain Safety. Stay away from pool drains.

Driving Safety. Learn how to escape a sinking vehicle.

Buddy the Seahorse says ...

"Always swim with a buddy!"

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Safety tips, pool locations and more!
POOLS

Want swim lessons for your child? Here’s where to go!

The cost of swim lessons may vary at the pools. Call the pool directly for pricing.