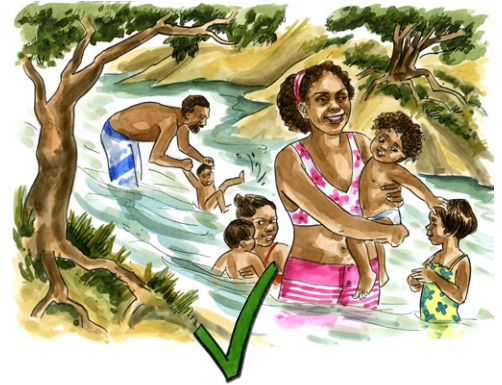


# Drowning

- Closely watch little ones and older children around water. Little ones should always be supervised by an adult and not left in the care of older children.
- It only takes 20 seconds for a child to drown so never leave little ones alone near water, not even for a minute.
- Children can drown in as little as a few centimetres of water, so buckets, inflatable pools, baths, fish ponds, water features and pets drinking bowls can all be a drowning hazard.
- Install fencing around all in-ground and above ground pools and spas. Never take out pool fence panels or prop the gate open. Check the pool fence regularly and fix it straight away if it is broken.



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