

Are your septic systems safe?

Melbourne toddler Nihal was just 3 years old when he tragically drowned after falling into an unsecured septic pit at a family friend's property in 2023.

His death was completely preventable – and not isolated either, with two other toddler deaths in Australia in the 18 months prior and many more overseas.

If you have a septic system on your property, this checklist is designed to help you keep kids safe.



**Nihal's
Legacy
Program**



Together with Nihal's family, Kidsafe Victoria is encouraging all homeowners with septic systems to check the safety of their systems – including making sure that the lid is secure – to help prevent similar incidents.



KIDSAFE'S TOP SEPTIC SYSTEM SAFETY TIPS



Identify and carefully inspect all septic pit lids, replacing damaged ones



Establish a regular inspection schedule for lid security and condition



Install barriers where possible to prevent children gaining access to septic system areas



Prevent vehicles from driving over or parking on septic pit lids



Where available, install a child-resistant screen under the lid as a backup if the lid fails



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