



# TOWN OF HARTFORD

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## Public Safety Announcement

### Water Safety

**We are coming into swimming weather! Being on the water can be fun for the whole family, but drowning is the number one cause of accidental death for children under age 4, in the United States.**

**Let's keep ourselves and our children safe this summer:**

- Teach children to be comfortable in the water at an early age, and teach them water safety.
- Actively supervise young children whenever they are around the water. Always keep young children within arms-reach in or near the water.
  - Always swim with a buddy.
- Avoid the water if you are under the influence of alcohol.

**If you have a pool at home:**

- Make sure children know and understand the rules of the pool.
- Make sure there is a child-proof fence completely enclosing your pool.
  - Keep unused toys away from the pool, and out of sight.

**If you see someone struggling in the water:**

**Reach, Throw, Don't go:**

- From dry land, if you can do so safely, reach for the person, or throw a safety device to them.
  - DO NOT attempt to rescue someone in the water if you are not trained to do so.
    - Call 911!

**Thank you for helping us keep our town safe!**