



## Reducing child drowning in London

A summary that describes key facts about child drowning and how to prevent or reduce it

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# DROWNING IS SILENT AND QUICK

Children may not splash or scream when they drown and can drown within a few minutes

From 2007-16 in children aged 0 to 19 years in London



**37**  
drowned



**80%**  
were boys



<1 year



1 to 4 years



5 to 9 years



10 to 19 years

## ACTIONS TO PREVENT DROWNING



Teach children to **swim** and **water safety** skills



**Don't drink** and swim



Actively **supervise** children around water



Train people in **safe rescue** and **resuscitation**



Always use the right **safety gear**



Provide **guidance** on safe swimming for people with epilepsy



Install **barriers** controlling access to water



Increase **public awareness** of drowning