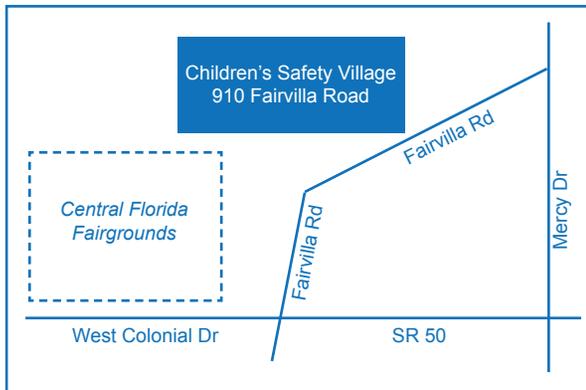




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TELL ME and I'll forget.
SHOW ME and I may remember.
INVOLVE ME and I will understand!

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The Children's Safety Village (CSV) is one of Central Florida's essential resources for life-safety education. Since 1994, CSV has helped families and school-age children imagine a life empowered with knowledge that allows them to be safe. The mission of the Children's Safety Village is to save children's lives, protect families and support the development of safer communities by providing unique and innovative safety programs that actively engage children and families throughout Central Florida.

Your child's understanding of water safety may save his/her life. In Florida, water recreation and activities are a part of everyday life and provides hours of enjoyment and exercise for our children.



Did You Know...

- ◆ Florida consistently leads the nation in drowning deaths among young children ages 1 to 4.
- ◆ Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1 to 14 in Florida.
- ◆ Statistics show that 58% of drowning deaths of young children happen in single-family residential swimming pool.
- ◆ A non-fatal drowning can cause brain damage that may result in long-term disabilities.

WATER SAFETY

AT HOME

Never leave children unattended in the bathtub.

Empty any container, tub or bucket that has standing water.

Make sure doors and windows that lead to the pool or spa area are locked or have an alarm on them.

Do not place large pet doors leading to the pool or spa area.

Do not rely on baby bath seats to keep a child from drowning.

SWIMMING

Some young children can be taught to float on their backs for a short time until help comes. It is recommended you contact your child's pediatrician regarding your child's readiness for this training.

Older children can be taught to float and breath then swim face down to a point of safety.

Assign a Water Watcher to ensure children in or around water are constantly supervised.

Teach age appropriate water safety rules to children. All adults should learn CPR and have an emergency plan.

POOLS & SPAS

Install safety fencing at least 4 feet high on all sides of the pool or spa area with self-closing and self-latching gates.

Keep pool area free and clear of toys and other items.

Make sure that pool drains have anti-entrapment covers to avoid entanglement or entrapment.



Empty and turn over wading pool when not in use and secure a spa with a locked cover when not in use.

LAKES & BEACHES

Always swim with a buddy and supervise children at all times.

Always swim at a beach where there are lifeguards or beach patrol officers.

Swim only in areas that have been designated for swimming.

Obey all safety signs and don't run or dive into ponds or lakes.

Use SPF 15+ sunscreen and wear proper swimwear and footwear.

BOATING

Check the local weather conditions before boating and going out in open waters. Watch for dangerous waves and signs of rip currents.

Children should wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket while in a boat, canoe or any other recreational water vessel.

Read and obey all water signs and know the meaning of warnings represented by colored beach flags.