



Safety Conversations

Is That Safe?

Beginner: Talk about water in your environment and how to stay safe.

[Tip]: **Never** enter water or swim alone. **Never** leave a child unattended in the bathtub. Test the bath water temperature with your wrist so it is not too hot.

Intermediate: Describe scenes at a pool or a beach and ask: “Is it **safe** or **unsafe**?”

[Tip]: If the scene is not safe, ask: “what can be done to make it safe?”

Experienced: Rehearse a social script (simple story) about being near water.

[Tip]: Our family swims close together. We tell an adult where we are going. We have a safety signal to get out of water. We swim safely.

Why is this important? Conversations about water safety helps children improve their knowledge to keep them safe.

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