



## Safety Conversations

### Is That Safe?

**Beginner:** Talk to your child about where they might be in water and how to stay safe.

**[Tip]:** Talk about life jackets, supervision, lifeguards so your child becomes familiar with the terms.

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

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

**Experienced:** Have your child write a scenario about the pool or a beach and how to stay safe and have fun.

**[Tip]:** Include some water safety vocabulary words: lifeguard, waves, supervision, life jacket, etc.

**Why is this important?** Introducing your child to the dangers of water can help them be safe while still having fun.

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